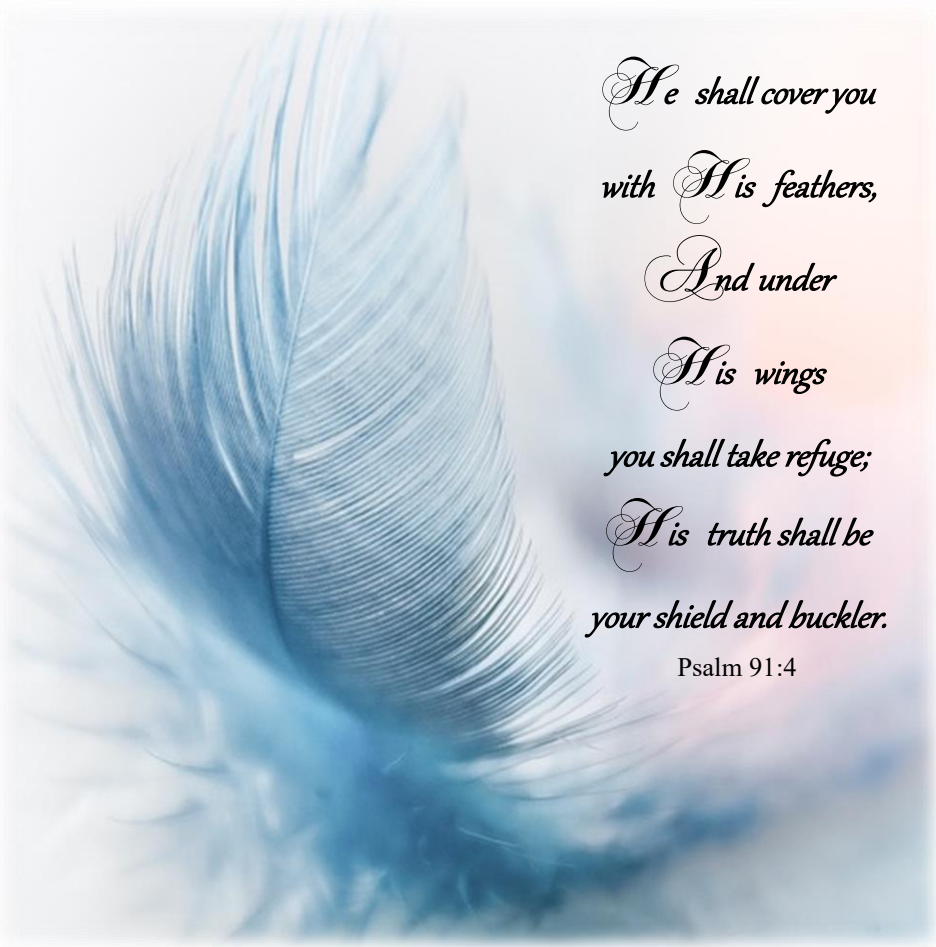


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As we come together on this Father's Day may we know and believe that we have a loving Father in heaven, who provides everything we need for this earthly life and through His Son Jesus everything we need for our eternal life in heaven.

We welcome everyone to God's House 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, 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.

What kind of love is fatherly love, exactly? That is, what kind of love ought a father have for his children? I would say that fatherly love is God-fearing, firm but forgiving, principled and compassionate. Fatherly love provides and protects. Fatherly love shows readiness to receive children for who they are while also instructing them in who God has made them to be. How about … perfect? It's uncomfortable, but that's exactly how Jesus categorizes fatherly love in *Matthew 5:43-48*, But we are not perfect. Yet, our heavenly Father's love is perfect. Fathers, don't despair of the earthly faults of your imperfect love for your children. Remember that your fatherly love is forged in the perfection of Christ's sacrifice. Confess your sins as a father to Christ, who was crucified for you as the ultimate expression of God's perfect fatherly love. Your Father's love in Christ Jesus gives you what He requires from you: perfection.

Excerpt: Pastor Eric Moquin, St. John Lutheran Church, Sherwood, Ohio

Opening Hymn 902 "Lord Jesus Christ, Be Present Now"
(Ps. 43:3-4; Heb. 13:15; Is. 6:3; Ps. 95:2)

✢ CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION ✢

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 ✢

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P For you have delivered my soul from death, yes, my feet from falling,

C **that I may walk before God in the light of life.**

P When I am afraid,
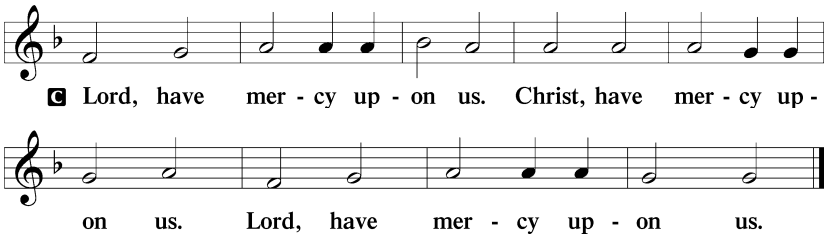
C **I put my trust in you.**

P In God, whose word I praise, in God I trust; I shall not be afraid.

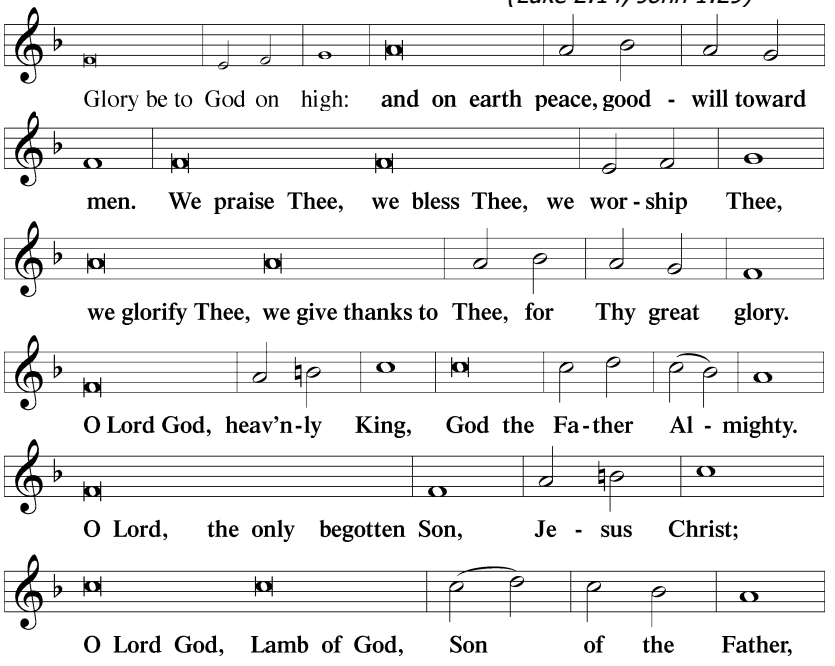
C **What can flesh do to me?**

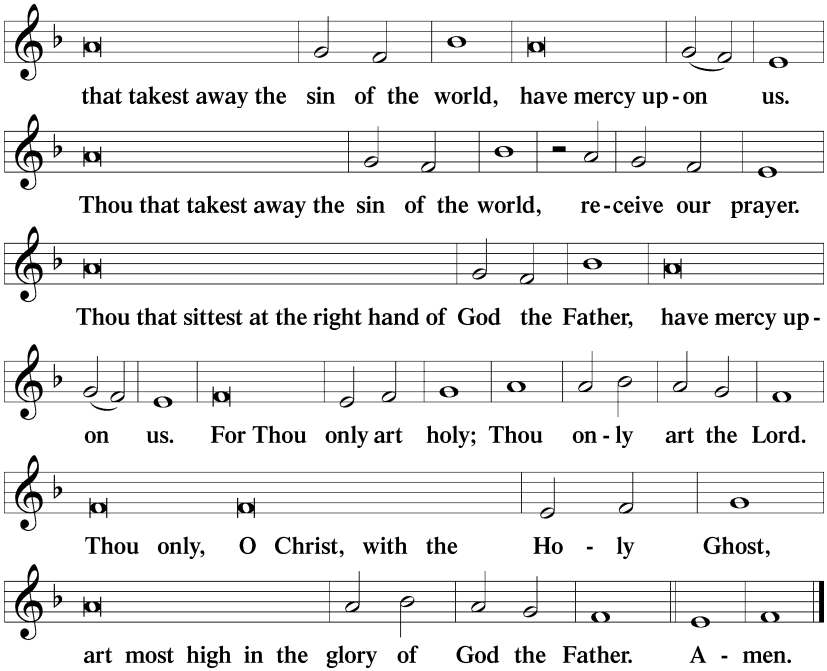
℗ In God, whose word I praise,
℃ in the LORD, whose word I praise,
℗ in God I trust; I shall not be afraid.
℃ What can man do to me?
All: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.
℗ For you have delivered my soul from death, yes, my feet from falling,
℃ that I may walk before God in the light of life.

Kyrie ~ *Lord, Have Mercy* *(Mark 10:47)* *LSB 186*
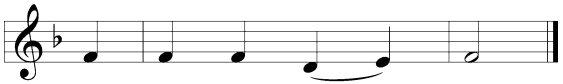


Gloria in Excelsis ~ *Glory to God in the Highest* *LSB 187*
(Luke 2:14; John 1:29)





Salutation and Collect of the Day

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



P Let us pray.
O God, because Your abiding presence always goes with us, keep us aware of Your daily mercies that we may live secure and content in Your eternal love; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



Psalm

Psalm 91:1–10

[1]He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High
will abide in the shadow of the Almighty.
[2]I will say to the LORD, "My refuge and my fortress,
my God, in whom I trust."

[3]For He will deliver you from the snare of the fowler
and from the deadly pestilence.
[4]He will cover you with His pinions,
and under His wings you will find refuge;
His faithfulness is a shield and buckler.
[5]You will not fear the terror of the night,
nor the arrow that flies by day,
[6]nor the pestilence that stalks in darkness,
nor the destruction that wastes at noonday.
[7]A thousand may fall at your side,
ten thousand at your right hand,
but it will not come near you.
[8]You will only look with your eyes
and see the recompense of the wicked.
[9]Because you have made the LORD your dwelling place—
the Most High, who is my refuge—
[10]no evil shall be allowed to befall you,
no plague come near your tent.

P This is the Word of the Lord.
C **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual *Psalm 145:3, 5b, 6b*

P Great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised,
C **and His greatness is unsearchable.**
P On Your wondrous works, I will meditate,
C **and I will declare Your greatness.**

The Epistle Lesson *Romans 6:12–23*

[12]Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal bodies, to make you obey their passions. [13]Do not present your members to sin as instruments for unrighteousness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and your members to God as instruments for righteousness. [14]For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace.
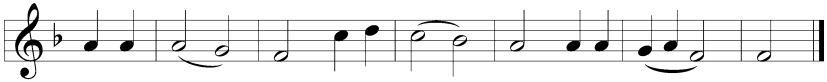
[15]What then? Are we to sin because we are not under law but under grace? By no means! [16]Do you not know that if you present yourselves to anyone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin, which leads to death, or of obedience, which leads to righteousness? [17]But thanks be to God, that you who were once slaves of sin have become obedient from the heart to the standard of teaching to which you were committed, [18]and, having

been set free from sin, have become slaves of righteousness. [19]I am speaking in human terms, because of your natural limitations. For just as you once presented your members as slaves to impurity and to lawlessness leading to more lawlessness, so now present your members as slaves to righteousness leading to sanctification.

[20]When you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. [21]But what fruit were you getting at that time from the things of which you are now ashamed? The end of those things is death. [22]But now that you have been set free from sin and have become slaves of God, the fruit you get leads to sanctification and its end, eternal life. [23]For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

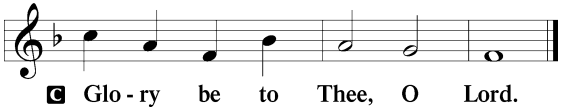
P This is the Word of the Lord.
C Thanks be to God.

Alleluia *LSB 190*



The Holy Gospel Lesson *Matthew 10:5a, 21–33*

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



[5]These twelve Jesus sent out, instructing them, . . .
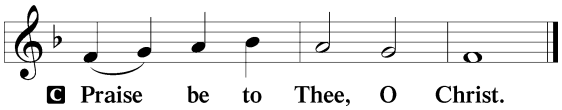
[21]"Brother will deliver brother over to death, and the father his child, and children will rise against parents and have them put to death, [22]and you will be hated by all for My name's sake. But the one who endures to the end will be saved. [23]When they persecute you in one town, flee to the next, for truly, I say to you, you will not have gone through all the towns of Israel before the Son of Man comes.

[24]"A disciple is not above his teacher, nor a servant above his master. [25]It is enough for the disciple to be like his teacher, and the servant like his master. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebul, how much more will they malign those of his household.

[26]"So have no fear of them, for nothing is covered that will not be revealed, or hidden that will not be known. [27]What I tell you in the dark, say in the light, and what you hear whispered, proclaim on the housetops. [28]And do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill

the soul. Rather fear Him who can destroy both soul and body in hell. [29]Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? And not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father. [30]But even the hairs of your head are all numbered. [31]Fear not, therefore; you are of more value than many sparrows. [32]So everyone who acknowledges Me before men, I also will acknowledge before My Father who is in heaven, [33]but whoever denies Me before men, I also will deny before My Father who is in heaven."

℗ This is the Gospel of the Lord.



Apostles' Creed

℃ **I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.**

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life ✢ everlasting. Amen.

Hymn 659 "Lord of Our Life"
(Ps. 79:9; Rev. 12:10; Ps. 84:11; Matt. 16:18)

Sermon "In the Father's Care" *Psalm 91*

1. Our heavenly Father cares for us because of _____

_____ .

2. Our heavenly Father's care helps us endure the _____

_____ .

3. Our heavenly Father's care reaches us through _____

_____ including through earthly fathers.

Hymn 737 "Rejoice, My Heart, Be Glad and Sing"
(Ps. 28:7; Ps. 27:1-6; Micah 7:18-19; Ps. 73:25-26)

Prayers
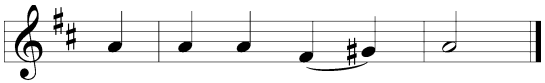
Lord's Prayer *(Matthew 6:9-13)*

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.**

Hymn 605 "Father Welcomes"
(Gal. 3:21-26; rom. 6:1-7; Mark 16:16; John 3:3-6)

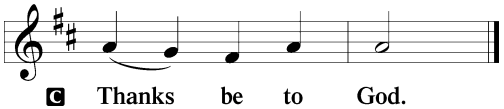
Installation of VBS Teachers and Helpers

P The Lord be with you.
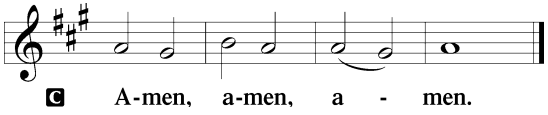


Benedicamus *Let Us Bless* *(Psalm 103:1)* *LSB 202*

P Bless we the Lord.



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.



Closing Hymn 923 "Almighty Father, Bless the Word"
(Mark 4:26-29; Matt. 13:8-9)

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The flowers that adorn the altar today are given by Tom & Wendy Coxey in thanksgiving for Eunice Bauer's 102nd birthday and for the gift of fathers. We are truly blessed.

Portals of Prayer and Hope-Full Living devotionals for July through September as well as the Summer LWML Quarterlies are now available in the tract rack in the Narthex. Please help yourself to one or more of these publications to enhance your spiritual life.

The ingathering for Grace Food Pantry ends today. Items purchased should be returned to the Narthex table by Sunday, June 21st. All items will be delivered to the food pantry the week of the 21st. Reusable grocery bags that you would like to donate along with grocery items are always appreciated Thank you for your support.

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 2026 are as follows: 6/24, 7/8, 7/22, 8/5, 8/19, 9/2, 9/16, 10/14, 10/28, 11/11, 11/25, 12/9 *If you have questions, please contact Dave Burcham or Tom Coxey.*

Free Event! Answers in Genesis will be presenting "An evening with Ken Ham and Capt. Barry Whitmore" in Shipshewana, IN on June 26th. Discover how to think Biblically and apply the timeless truths of Genesis 1-11. A flyer with more info is on the bulletin board.

Worship Anew can be viewed: Sunday Mornings at 11:30 am on: Dish channel 26 or Direct TV channel 377. You can view anytime at worshipanew.org **Please note that local CW channel WCWW-TV 25 out of South Bend will no longer be airing Worship Anew.**

Calendar of Events

TODAY ~ Father's Day ~ .....June 21st, 2026
Sunday School & Bible Classes.....8:30 am
Worship Service.....9:30 am
MON: *VBS*.....*9:00-11:30 am*
Voters' Meeting .....7:00 pm
TUES: *VBS*.....*9:00-11:30 am*
WED: *VBS*.....*9:00-11:30 am*
Men's Bible Study Breakfast .....6:30 am
VBS Dinner & Program .....5:30-7:00 pm
THURS: *VBS*.....*9:00-11:30 am*
FRI: *VBS*.....*9:00-11:30 am*
SAT:
NEXT SUNDAY.....June 28th, 2026
Sunday School & Bible Classes.....8:30 am
Worship Service with Communion.....9:30 am

Things to Remember in Prayer This Week

Thanksgiving: **For our earthly fathers who pointed us to Jesus.**

Special Concerns:

That we live under the care of our heavenly Father, who blesses us with Jesus as our Lord and Savior.
For the Pastor Rafael & Deaconess Jamielynn Flores family.
For the Micah Wildauer family as their ministry is temporarily refocused.
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 soldiers and first responders.
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!**

St. Paul's provides financial support to a student who is studying to be a church worker through one of our Concordia Universities or Seminaries. The current student we support just graduated with a Deaconess degree from Concordia Theological Seminary in Ft. Wayne. Therefore, we are searching for a candidate to support who is attending school this fall. Certainly we would love to support a St. Paul's member, however, we have supported Lutheran students not at St. Paul's. If you have a student that you know may qualify for this support please contact either Lori Haug, Brian Denk or Jim Tinkey no later than June 30.

Tropical Trek VBS will begin tomorrow morning, June 22nd-June 26th from 9-11:30 am. The registration table will be inside the main church door. Children will be signed out in the Bethany Room following the Closing. On Wednesday morning the Elementary aged Children will watch the *Pilgrim's Progress* movie. In the evening there will be a supper at 5:30 pm with the program from 6-7:30 pm. The program will begin and end in the Sanctuary. It will be a Patriotic Program with the theme "In God We Trust". The Bible Lesson about Zaccheaus will be presented that evening along with Patriotic music and activities. This is a family activity and members of the congregation are invited to join us for this special celebration. If congregation members are planning to come to the meal, please sign up on the list on the back table.

From the Board of Church Properties – Parking Lot Financing
We currently have nearly two thirds of the approximately $152,000 needed to redo the parking lot. Additional monies needed will have to come by depleting other church special funds. Any and all donations are welcome to cover this cost. You may place your donation in the offering box in an envelope marked "Parking Lot Fund". Work is scheduled to begin between the middle to end of July. Thank you for your generosity.

We currently have enough in The Playground and Gathering Space project fund to pay for the pavilion concrete. Work will progress as weather allows. If you would like to make a monetary donation for this project, please place it in the offering box marked "Playground Fund". **We also thank you for your prayers and support as we create a God pleasing space to glorify Him.**

YOUTH NEWS

Today – Father's Day: Donuts for Dads

July 8th, 15th, 22nd, and 29th – Youth Nights are back! Each Wednesday in July at 7:00 pm, 4th Grade - High School will meet for a time of fellowship, fun, & food. Please join us and invite your friends!

July 18th – Tara's Bible Study & Bonfire from 7:00-9:00 pm for 4th grade through High School.

***** See the Youth Board for Sign-Up sheets for these events! *****

Look for more Youth Group information via our "St. Paul's Youth" GroupMe chat (*If you'd like to be added, let us know) or contact Youth Board Director **Scott Hundt** with any questions.

Did you miss getting a Picture for the Directory?
That's OK! You can send an electronic photo to the church at church@stpaulsbremen.org and we'll include that in the directory. If you only have a hard copy, then bring it to the church secretary and we'll get it scanned in and get your original back to you

SCHOOL CORNER

Please consider helping us replenish the SGO account!

This year, we gave over $53,000 in scholarships from the SGO Fund! As Choice only provides for 77%-83% of tuition costs, we use the SGO to **"close the gap"** between our tuition fee and the Choice Scholarship. This has enabled our families, most of whom have financial concerns, to receive education at St. Paul's for nominal cost. **We need to replenish our SGO account so please consider donating to the SGO!** Contact the school office if you have questions. More information is available in the tract rack.

PTL is hosting several events: First, thank you to all who helped with the Firemen's Festival float and in the ticket booths! We appreciate you!

We are currently collecting donations for the Rummage Sale July 11th, 8:00am-1:00pm! Please donate gently used items, except for large furniture and appliances. **We will need volunteers to set up, manage, and take down the sale. We will also need volunteers to help with a pancake breakfast that morning. Please contact Ericca Thornton if you can help, 574-209-2318. (see flyer)**

The School Office will be open during the summer, starting June 1st, 9:00am-1:00pm. Alternative hours for enrollment/scholarship appointments are available upon request.

Enrollment for 2026-27 is OPEN! *Please encourage family and friends to learn more about St. Paul's!* We offer a Christian alternative to education for Preschool through 8th Grade, 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.** *Scholarships are even available for Pre-K!* Word of mouth is the best form of advertisement, so please encourage your family/friends to check us out!

We are starting to save natural wood and mulch for the new playground. If you are interested in joining the committee, volunteering, or have items to donate, please contact Beth Miller.

Servants for Today's Worship June 21st, 2026

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Organist: Anita Eichinger
Ushers: Larry Winterboer & Tyler Schmeltz
Acolytes: Emiliano Mejia
Elder: Jon Rettinger
Video Streamer: Ethan Tjernagel

Servants for Today's Worship June 28th, 2026

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Ushers: Dakota Schmeltz & Gio Mejia
Acolytes: Wiley Napper
Elder: Larry Britt
Communion Assistant: Terry Miller
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