

**St. Paul's Lutheran**

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M,W,Th, F 8:30 – 11:30 am

**Sunday Schedule:**

Worship: 8 & 10:30 am  
Sunday School & Adult  
Bible Class: 9:15 am  
Unity Sunday: 9:30 am with  
Sunday School following

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From the desk of Pastor Rohde:

As we move forth from the celebration of Easter, we find ourselves in a time of political unrest and confusion. In another month Indiana residents will join the ranks of many other states who have voted for the candidates they would like to see on the ballot in November.

More people seem to be discontent and uncertain with regard to this election than ever before, at least in my lifetime. It is well for us, therefore, to put this year's election process within the truths of Easter. Remember that the Lord Jesus Christ is the only Ruler, the King of kings and Lord of lords, Who alone is immortal (I Timothy 6:15-16).

We as the redeemed people of this Ruler are to flee from the love of money and all other ungodliness, and pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance, and gentleness (I Timothy 6:11). We are not to get discouraged or become downtrodden, but we are to fight the good fight of faith, take hold of the eternal life to which we are called, and make a good confession of faith in the presence of many witnesses (I Timothy 6:12).

We are not to lose sight of the fact that the tomb of Jesus is empty, because He conquered death and defeated Satan to bless us with eternal life. He is alive and reigns to bring us safely to our eternal home. Our purpose for life remains to live and serve the Lord Jesus Christ and live in the security of His reign and promises.

“Jesus Christ, the Firstborn from the dead, and the Ruler of the kings of the earth, Who loves us and has freed us from our sins by His blood, has made us to be a kingdom and priests to serve Him – to Him be glory and power forever and ever! Amen” (Revelation 1:5-6).

**Lesson in Stewardship: What Anointing Are You Doing?**

Early Easter morning women showed their love for Jesus by taking spices they had prepared to anoint Jesus' lifeless body. Their love for Him was seen in the spices they had prepared and were going to apply to His lifeless body. They were troubled as they proceeded to the grave for they wondered how they would get to Jesus' body since a big stone was covering the entrance to the tomb.

As Jesus often does, He surprises us as He acts. His acts change our efforts. When the women got to the tomb, the stone was already rolled away and the body of Jesus could not be found. Jesus had risen from the grave! He was alive! The women's mission had changed. They no longer needed to anoint the dead body of Jesus, but they were now called by the living Savior to anoint the spiritually dead people of the world with the saving truth of the crucified and risen Savior.

As you look at your words and actions, which of these two paths are you walking? Are you living as though Christ were dead, or are you living and sharing the Gospel that the world may know the light and life in Jesus Christ, our risen Lord and Savior?

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*He Is Risen!*

*He Is Risen Indeed!*



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**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 better yet e-mailed to Deb Burcham at [dburcham@stpaulsbremen.org](mailto:dburcham@stpaulsbremen.org). I appreciate all of your articles, ideas and comments!

**Mark your calendars: Preschool thru 8<sup>th</sup> grade Open House**

St. Paul's Lutheran School, Preschool thru 8<sup>th</sup> grade will have an open house on Tuesday, April 26<sup>th</sup> from 2 - 5 pm for new students and parents who would like to pick up information for the 2016-2017 school year and/or tour the school.

## **Board Briefs:**

### **Christian Education:**

Sunday School Mission of the Month – LCMS World Relief - \$75

### **BARNYARD ROUNDUP IS COMING!**

Barnyard Roundup- Jesus Gathers Us Together is the theme for this year's Vacation Bible School which will be held on June 13- 17, 2016 from 9:00- 11:30 am. Children ages 3 to Grade 5 are invited to attend this "utterly amazing adventure" down on the farm. (More information will follow.)

### **Church Office: Membership Changes**

Deceased: Dorothy & Janis

### **Parish Fellowship:**

Euchre Party is Friday, April 15<sup>th</sup>, from 7-9:00pm in the Bethany Room. Anyone 16 and older can join us for fun and fellowship, and please bring a snack to share. Please bring cards and a card table if possible. Beverages will be provided. This evening is sponsored by Parish Fellowship. Come and bring a friend!

Men's Group takes place on Sunday, April 10<sup>th</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup>, from 4-6:00pm for all men ages 15 and above. We will meet in the gym for basketball and fellowship and will close with a prayer.

Ping-Pong will be on Thursday, April 14<sup>th</sup> from 7 to 9pm for all men and women for adults ages 14 and up. Bring a friend.

### **Stewardship:**

Hannah Kiefer is now working at Lutheran World Relief in the greater Chicago area as the office volunteer coordinator. She is so full of joy to announce that she will, prayerfully, be going on another short-term trip to Hong Kong, June 18<sup>th</sup> to July 4<sup>th</sup>, 2016.

"Three years ago, Hannah Kiefer and Kelly Koon met while serving in Hong Kong. They were teaching English at two local primary schools, specifically in the Tuen Mun area in the New Territories. Teaching English to hundreds of primary school children, as well as being able to work with the local teachers and serve the local Lutheran churches attached to the schools, they fell in love with the culture and the people. These relationships stuck with them even after returning to the States. They have often longed to return together with a small team, strengthening and rekindling these relationships, and starting others by inviting new American friends into the beauty of the people and the place in which they lived. Hannah and Kelly have been fortunate enough to work with MCN to lead a short-term team back to Hong Kong this summer, and both are excited for the privilege and opportunity to continue the service of sharing the Gospel with people who they love dearly, encouraging them in Christ and His bountiful grace, and loving them the way they have and continue to love us."

This is a brand new mission agency run the by LCMS which is called "Mission of Christ Network."

Prayer requests: (1) For missionaries in Hong Kong, (2) For funds to come through for our mission. The funds needed per person are \$2000 to \$2400.

How to give: (1) Make checks payable to "Mission of Christ Network" and mark them "Hong Kong Kiefer.Koon June 2016," (2) Send to Mission of Christ Network, 22601 Lutheran Church Road, Tomball, TX 77377.

For more information, see <https://missionofchrist.org>.

## Youth:

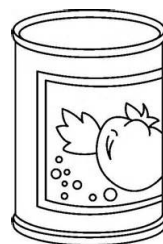
### JUNIOR HIGH YOUTH NIGHTS -

- Friday, April 15<sup>th</sup>, 2016 7-9PM
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MOVIE OUTING - All Junior High and High School Students are invited to watch God's Not Dead 2 at Showland Cinema in Plymouth, Indiana on Sunday, April 24<sup>th</sup>, 2016. We will attend the first matinee showing that day. That time will not be set until the week before. Most of their matinee showings begin at 12:30 p.m. and 12:40 p.m. We will be meeting and leaving the church parking lot to carpool over to the movie theater at 12 p.m. We ask that chaperones and youth sign-up on the Youth board in the main hallway near the church offices by Sunday, April 17<sup>th</sup>, 2016. We ask that the youth bring money for concessions. The Youth Board will be covering cost of admission!

COMMUNITY SERVICE OPPORTUNITY - The Junior High and High School Youth will be cleaning windows for members of the congregation at their homes on **Saturday, April 30<sup>th</sup>, 10 a.m.-12 p.m.** Members wishing to have their windows cleaned should call into the Church Office, no later than Wednesday, April 27<sup>th</sup>. Marilyn Gumz will be compiling the list of members wishing to have their windows cleaned at their homes. Youth and Chaperones (who are willing to drive) are asked to sign-up on the Youth board in the main hallway near the church offices by Sunday, April 24<sup>th</sup>, 2016. The Youth are asked to bring clean rags and window cleaners (such as Windex) when attending the service project.

THANK YOU - The Youth and the Youth Board would like to thank members of the congregation, St. Paul's Lutheran School, and the Bremen Community that donated food to our food drive for the Bremen Food Pantry. There were 202 items collected during food drive, along with a \$20 donation.



## Mission News

We are often asked, “How can we fix Haiti?” The short answer is...you can’t. The problems in Haiti are so enormous that there isn’t one solution. However, there are many ways we can help bring the Gospel to those in Haiti.

While we cannot “fix” Haiti on a grand scale, we can certainly help in small ways that add up to aid both the body and soul of the Haitian people. One example is the small village of Colminy where their people were starving. The ground was dry and barren. They couldn’t grow their own food nor did they have the money to buy any. Haitian Lutheran Mission, led by Sue and Ken Gross of the Florida/Georgia district, “stepped in” and helped set a plan in place to provide food for these people. Donations from LCMS churches across the country provided enough funds to purchase and install an irrigation system that not only allows them to grow enough food for the village but also to have enough to sell at market. The people of Colminy have seen God’s grace firsthand and they know they are blessed. God is good. Colminy is just one example of how He can use our small donations to make great things happen.

We at St. Paul’s have chosen to focus on helping Lutheran Pastor Isaac Jacquet of Jeremie. Pastor Jacquet oversees more than 20 smaller villages, some are as many as 4 hours away over extremely treacherous roads. Due to this, Pastor Isaac has asked for help in purchasing motorcycles (the best way to travel in Haiti) for each of the pastors who help serve the smaller villages. The motorcycles cost \$1,000 each and the pastors would not only use them to get to their members and monthly meetings with Pastor Isaac, but also as a means of income as a taxi, to run errands, etc.

Another way we help is by supporting a microloan program being offered to the village teachers. There are currently 23 teachers who get a salary of \$50 a month **IF** Pastor Isaac has enough funds to pay them. The \$200 microloan provides each teacher a means to set up a small business so that they can become self sufficient and not have to rely on the salary alone. Having teachers in the villages is critical to the spreading of the Gospel. Not only does the school provide a meal for the children (often times the only one they will get to eat) it also allows the children to hear the gospel which they take home to their parents, who tell their friends and so the Gospel is spread. To date, 10 loans have been issued and they are working very well.

So you may be asking, “How can I help?” While we were planning on making another trip to Haiti within the next year, the plane from Port-Au-Prince to Jeremie is down indefinitely so for now we are focusing on monetary support.

If you are so moved, you can donate to the teacher microloans or to help pay the salaries, either with a one time gift or by using a monthly coupon. Coupon books are available in the church office. You can also give to the mission fund for Haiti to be used where Pastor Isaac has a need. Just mark your envelope – Haitian Lutheran Mission Project and where you would like it to be used. For example, Orphan meals, teacher pay, school children meals, etc. Pastor Isaac has a tremendous heart for serving his Lord and he will use the money to God’s glory.

Although we have been speaking mostly on Haiti lately, we cannot forget that there are also ways to minister here at home. Lutheran Child and Family Services in Indianapolis has a facility called the Sharing Place. In addition to helping families in need they have an IMPACT program to help young girls who are at high risk of being victims of human trafficking. The girls love to knit and crochet and they are asking for donations of yarn for their projects. If you have any extra yarn to spare, please place it in the box marked IMPACT in the Narthex and we will see that it gets to Indianapolis. Thank you for all of your support of God’s children and helping to spread God’s Word through helping those in need. It is greatly appreciated.



**Altar Guild: April attendants are Elaine & Kay.**

Altar Flowers in April: Heather

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The Altar Flower Chart for the 2016 Liturgical Year is hanging in the Narthex (North side), just outside the altar guild room door. Please look it over and sign up for flowers.

### ***BIBLE STUDY OPPORTUNITY!!***

The LEG ladies invite you to join them for Bible study!

LEG meets on the odd-numbered Sunday evenings (1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, and 5<sup>th</sup>) in the Jerusalem Room at 7pm. April 3<sup>rd</sup> we will be watching a video done by Focus on the Family about Easter. We are looking forward to welcoming you!



Ladies Encouragement Group  
Moving our feet, shining our light!

### ***WE HAVE A JOB FOR MEN***

If you are a male of high school age or older, St. Paul's has a "job" for you. It is not an easy task, but it's one that every man has been given to carry out....to study God's word, obey His commandments and live a life that is pleasing to Him....a job we can never retire from.

The Men's Breakfast Bible Study meets every other week on Wednesday morning from 6:30AM to 7:30 AM and through fellowship and Bible study we help each other in our "jobs" that God has given us. The food and fellowship often create laughter that we all enjoy. Please come and learn with the rest of us. Our schedule for 2015 is as follows:



April 6, 20    May 4, 18    June 1, 15, 29    July 13, 27    August 10, 24  
September 7, 21    October 5, 19    November 2, 16, 30    December 14, 28



GoodCups.com

We meet in the cafeteria conference room in the Bremen Hospital. Come in the main entrance, walk straight ahead to the waiting area, then turn left...the cafeteria and conference room are on your left.



*He is Risen*

# SCHOOL NEWS AND NOTES

School Office phone: 546-2790

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April 2016

Our theme for the 2015-2016 school year is Life Together. This is based on I Cor. 1:9 (ESV). We give thanks to God for His gracious love to all of us!

OUR SPECIAL CHAPEL emphasis for April is L.A.M.B. Our offerings will go to support Burmese Outreach through Lutheran Agency for Missions to Burmese; we also donate monthly to our Tuition Aid Fund. If you would like to donate directly to these projects please contact St. Paul's School office.

We are currently ENROLLING STUDENTS for the 2016-17 school year. School will begin on Aug. 10, 2016.

## FUTURE EVENTS TO NOTE:

Apr. 4-8	Spring Break (no school)
Apr. 22	Showcase of Fine Arts & Crafts 7 P.M.
May 06	St. Paul's School Musical
May 18	St. Paul's Track and Field Day
May 29	Graduation at the 9:30 Worship Service

VOLUNTEER FOR THIS COMING YEAR! We welcome all helpers, even one-time helpers. We can use your assistance with a variety of tasks. If you would like to help please contact the school office.

THE TUITION AID FUND seeks your contributions to help those who desire a Christian Education for their children but who need a little help to meet the costs. Your generosity will greatly benefit the cause of Christian Education for both members and non-members. Please contact Mr. Russell.

PTL: Please save ALUMINUM CANS. These cans may be deposited in the shed on the south end of the parking lot. If you have other aluminum items to donate, call the school office at 546-2790. Also please save the small logo printed on the labels or the lids/caps of CAMPBELL LABELS items. Thank you.

NOTE: Contact the church or school office if you have questions concerning scheduling the use of any of the facilities.

# Showcase of Fine Arts and Crafts



You are invited to join us Friday, April 22, at 7:00 P.M. in the Bethany Room. St. Paul's PTL is sponsoring the 22nd Annual Showcase of Fine Arts and Crafts produced by all K - 8 students, their families and congregation members. Everyone is invited to come and view the art and craft entries. There will also be a showcase of the music entries, with a program of piano, instrumental, and vocal music.

Please note: This year we will again have an area for "open entries." This will be for members of our congregation who wish to display an art or craft item but do not have a family member in our school. If you are interested in entering, please contact Anita, or pick up an entry form packet outside the church office. The deadline to return entry forms is April 14.



**No admission fee !!**

**Refreshments !!**

**Freewill offering  
for P.T.L.**

The Marshall County Church Orchestra is a group of volunteer church musicians of all skill levels from high school age and up. The orchestra is playing a Festival concert in honor of Indiana's bicentennial on June 26<sup>th</sup>. We are looking for additional musicians who would like to participate. The rehearsals are every Thursday at 7 pm at the Marshall County REMC building starting April 7<sup>th</sup>. Please contact Ben or Jessica Bain if you are interested and would like more information.



## April Devotion: "Easter's Three Little Words"

*"He has risen!" Mark 16:6*

"Three Little Words" was the title of a popular song years back. The Christian faith has its three little words which convey the greatest news ever told. They say: "He has risen!"

Had the Easter message been "Christ is dead," life would be a succession of most distressing facts, as Saint Paul enumerates them in 1 Corinthians 15: preaching is in vain, faith is futile, we are still mired down in our sins, the dead will not rise, we will have no reunion with them (1 Corinthians 15:14-20).

But: "He has risen!" That entirely reverses the terms, and life has made a turn of 180 degrees. From the gloom of the grave Christ, the Light of the world, has emerged alive. He has kept every promise -- the promise that on the third day He would raise the temple of His body, the promise that He would see His followers again, the promise that they, too, would live and on the Last Day rise from the dead.

Christ's resurrection casts us Christians in entirely new roles. From mourning we proceed to rejoicing. Doubt and despair turn into faith. Truly, as Saint Peter declares: "In His great mercy He [God the Father] has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead" (1 Peter 1:3).

Since Christ has risen, many are the consequences for us as Christ's church. The angel bids us: "Go quickly and tell ... [that] He has risen from the dead" (Matthew 28:7), and the living Lord Himself issues this mission mandate: "Therefore go and make disciples of all nations" (Matthew 28:19). The Head of the church is alive, and from His throne at God's right hand He rules and guides the affairs of His kingdom of grace, eventually turning it into the kingdom of glory.

The three little words "He has risen!" describe an event that has changed life completely for us as members of Christ's kingdom.

**PRAYER:** Thank You, Lord Jesus, for Your return to life as a seal on the completeness of Your redeeming work. Amen.