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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
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When is enough enough? As we live in a consumer driven society, enough is never enough. We always seem to want more or desire to get something new in order to be satisfied. Benjamin Franklin stated: "Who is rich? He that is content. Who is that? Nobody."

We live and are affected by a society that is never satisfied. No matter how much we have, we always want more. The solution to this problem is not to gather more things from this world, but to satisfy the desires of our heart through the Word of God. Hebrews 13:5 reads: "Keep your lives free from the love of money and be content with what you have, because God has said, 'Never will I leave you. Never will I forsake you.'" The writer of Hebrews hits on the real struggle with which we deal. Our dissatisfaction comes from not having an intimate relationship with God.

We were made to be in an intimate relationship with the Lord. Collecting the things of this life can never replace the need our souls have to be in intimate fellowship with the Lord. True contentment comes when we entrust our lives and devote ourselves to our Creator and Redeemer. No job, no house, no car, nothing in the created world can satisfy what our soul needs – a living relationship with our resurrected Savior.

Consider the following two biblical principles God lays down for us that we may have a well-rounded life. 1) **True treasure is not found in the material things of this life, but in the eternal treasure of heaven which is ours through Christ Jesus.** Jesus said: "Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moth and rust do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also" (Matthew 6:19-20). 2) **A heart divided will never be whole.** Jesus said: "No one can serve two masters. Either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and money.... What is highly valued among men is detestable in God's sight" (Luke 16:13, 15b).

What is defining your life at this moment? What is it you are seeking to get out of life? Are you seeking the contentment to be found in Christ and the eternal blessings of the forgiveness of sins, life and salvation that comes through His name? The Lord

teaches us: “Godliness with contentment is great gain. For we brought nothing into the world, and we can take nothing out of it. But if we have food and clothing, we will be content with that. People who want to get rich fall into temptation and a trap and into many foolish and harmful desires that plunge men into ruin and destruction. For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil. Some people, eager for money, have wandered from the faith and pierced themselves with many griefs” (I Timothy 6:6-10).

THE DEADLINE FOR THE OCTOBER EPISTLE IS SEPTEMBER 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. I appreciate all of your articles, ideas and comments!

SCHOOL CORNER – Our Day School is having their first **School Olympics** on Friday, September 2nd from 1:00-2:30 pm in the gym and around the school campus. The children will be competing in teams to help teach the students the value of being on a team. They would like to have some “spectators” for this event. Parents and friends and church family are invited to attend and support our Olympic teams!

SAVE THE DATE – PTL CHURCHSCHOOL FALL PICNIC – We invite all Preschool, Day School and Church families to attend our Annual Fall Picnic on Friday, September 30th from 4 – 8 P.M. Come early at 4 P.M. to bounce until supper at 6 P.M. Bounce houses will be open until 8 P.M. for those who can’t come early. PTL will be providing hot dogs and drinks. All families attending should bring a side dish or dessert to share. We will have fun and fellowship with games and bounce houses. Please plan to join us for this great event!

AS SCHOOL BELLS BEGIN TO RING..., it’s time to start organizing for the bell and adult choirs. These choirs are open to all members of St. Paul’s who are at least high school age. If you are interested in bell choir, please let Ellen Augustine know. This includes both former members as well as new members. Music needs to be marked accordingly so it is important to know how many ding-a-lings there are. Adult choir members, just show up for the first rehearsal. We welcome all part singers. Rehearsals for both choirs will begin Sunday, September 11. Bell choir from 5:00- 6:00; adult choir 6:00-7:00 in the balcony of the church. No musical experience is needed- we’ll teach you. If you have questions, please contact Ellen at 574-537-8440.

NEW BEGINNINGS – New Beginnings, a youth choir here at St. Paul’s, will begin practices on September 11th. Practices will start after the end of the second Worship Service and will last for about 30 minutes. All senior high youth are invited to attend.

St. Paul's LWML

The mission of the Lutheran Women's Missionary League is to assist each woman of The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod and The Lutheran Church-Canada in affirming her relationship with the Triune God so that she is enabled to use her gifts in ministry to the people of the world.

AUGUST 8 – MONDAY, 7:00 pm, Jerusalem Room

We will be hosting a speaker from **Marshall County Right-to-Life**; be given an update on missionary Jamielynn Tinkey's position in the Dominican; and get a look at the 2016-2018 Mission Grants projects selected at Convention. Refreshments served afterward.

SOUTH BEND ZONE FALL RALLY

October 2, Sunday, at St. Peter, Mishawaka

Watch for more details on time, speaker, in future Epistles.

October 3 – MONDAY, 7:00 pm, Jerusalem Room

Our program will feature a **"Book Discussion"** led by Joanna Fox, on Katie Schuermann's novel *HOUSE OF LIVING STONES*: a story of a 'small town' church where some members become challenged to live out the faith they hold dear after a new choir director is hired.

It will make you laugh, and maybe cry a little, too.

It looks like a big book, but is a 'fast read!' Books are available in the narthex across from the secretary's office on top of the 'mailboxes.' They may be returned to that spot; or passed on to someone who might like to come join the discussion!

Web sites: Indiana District indianalwml.org – South Bend Zone under drop down 'Area 1' tab
National LWML lwml.org

SERVE the LORD with GLADNESS

ABOUT ALTAR FLOWERS: Anyone wishing to donate flowers for services may sign on any OPEN date on the Liturgical Year Flower Chart – located on the inside of the north balcony stairs outside the Altar Guild/Usher Room. If the desired date is taken, PLEASE DO NOT additionally sign without contacting the first donor to determine if the date might be shared. If it happens that you do not yet know the donor, the attendant should be able to help resolve the issue. Another option is for the second donor to have an altar bud vase placed on that date; or provide one or two arrangements to be placed in front of the candelabra. Notifications of both occasions would appear in the bulletin.

Only live cut-flowers; or live plants will be placed on the gradine (shelf) of the altar. Purchase of flowers or plants may be done wherever the donor pleases; or the donor may wish to provide flower arrangements in their own vases – either from the garden or purchased bouquets. If so, the vases should be identical; and brought to the church the Saturday before the date. The same is true of potted plants: identical foil and brought the Saturday before.

The attendant is responsible for placing them on the gradine with proper protection for the wood shelf.

If a donor wishes a specific note in the bulletin, it must be given to the Church Secretary by the Wednesday before the date; otherwise the occasion should be listed on the line provided on the chart.

Please note: while the attendant will call to remind donors of the date, the altar guild DOES NOT order the flowers. Any questions: contact Elaine Young, or that month's attendant (listed on the chart).

Board Briefs:

Christian Education:

Sunday School Mission of the Month – Burmese Ministry - \$75

New opportunities for Sunday School and Bible Class will be starting on September 4, 2016.

Pre-Kindergarten	TBD	Mrs. Wonnacott's Room
Kindergarten- Grade 1	Kyle Rettinger	Mrs. Ryan's Room
Grade 2- 3	Joanna Fox	Mr. Wildauer's Room
Grade 4,5,6	Jeanette Rettinger	Mr. Eichinger's Room
Grade 7-8	Barbara Middaugh	Mr. Russell's Room
High School	Mike Venable	Gym Mezzanine
Book of John	Pastor Wonnacott	Gospel of John
Adult 2	Dennis Sienicki	Various Topics
New Member	Pastor Rohde	

Church Office: Membership Changes

Deaths:

John Marburger

Carol Moeller

Reaffirmation of faith:

Brian Denk

Released to church of choice:

James & Maryln Brown Jr.

Melissa Szpakowski

Parish Fellowship:

Mother/Daughter and Adopted Mother/Adopted Daughter Banquet is Tuesday, October 18th at 6:00 P.M. Come and enjoy being served good food and music by the men of the church!

Co-Ed Volleyball will be on Thursday, September 8th from 7 to 9pm for all men and women ages 14 and up. Bring a friend.

Ping-Pong will be on Thursday, September 15th from 7 to 9pm for all men and women for adults ages 14 and up. Bring a friend.

Euchre Party is Friday, September 23rd, 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. Come and bring a friend!

Men's Group takes place on Sundays, September 11th and 25th from 4-6pm for all men ages 15 and above. We will meet in the gym for basketball and fellowship and will close with a prayer.

Youth:

Jr. High Youth Nights for September

- Friday, September 2nd, 7-9PM, in the Gym
- Friday, September 16th, 7-9PM, in the Gym

After Football Game Bonfire

- After the Bremen vs. Mishawaka Marion football game on Friday, September 23rd, all youth in junior high and high school are invited to the Schmeltz's for a bonfire! Food will be provided! This event will last from 9-11:30PM.

Indiana District – LCMS Junior High Youth Rally at Camp Lutherhaven

- September 17th & 18th, Saturday 10AM – Sunday 11:30AM

Opportunity to Serve the Community

- The Youth will be sponsoring the Food Drive for the Bremen Food Pantry for the month of September.

2016 PPC meetings: October 24, December 19

2016 Voters' Assembly meetings: November 21

Altar Guild: September attendant is Kay.

Altar Flowers in September:

- 4 Ervin
- 11 Secretaries
- 18
- 25



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

Lifelight will take place from September 14th through November 9th. Sessions are each Wednesday from 6:45 – 8:15 p.m. This year's Lifelight topic is Jesus Parables. Please fill out and return the form below by September 4th so that we know how much material to order.

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REGISTRATION FOR LIFELIGHT

The Parables of Jesus

(Pre-registration helps to make sure we have an ample supply of materials!)

Each Wednesday...September 14th through November 9th

6:45 to 8:15 p.m.

Name(s)



Telephone: _____

PLEASE return to church office by September 4th. Thank you!

SCHOOL NEWS AND NOTES

School Office phone: 546-2790

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September 2016

Our theme for the 2016-2017 school year is Upon this Rock. This is based on Is. 26:4 (ESV): “Trust in the Lord forever, for the Lord God is an everlasting rock” We give thanks to God for His gracious care for us all!

THANK YOU! We are grateful for the cleaning, repairing, and “sprucing up” that was done at school over the summerr break. A special thanks to the Board of Church Properties and their vounteers.

Chapel projects /offerings for 2016-2017:

Aug/Sept.- Bremen Food Bank & Fort Wayne Seminary Food Bank

Oct - Liberian Schools

Nov /Dec - Rev. Micah Wildauer: Togo

Jan/Feb - Seminarian Support

Mar - Camp Lutherhaven

Apr – Jamielynn Tinkey: Dominican Republic

May – Worship for Shut-Ins

Also->\$20/ mo. to the Tuition Aid Fund

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.

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.

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. We are also seeking donors who would like to SPONSOR a child or family directly. Please contact Mr. Russell.

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

*****Please check the Church Calendar for other school events.**

BIBLE STUDY OPPORTUNITY!!

The Ladies Encouragement Group (LEG) have begun an new Bible study entitled 'The 7 Experiment – staging your own mutiny against excess' by Jen Hatmaker. The LEG Bible study group meets the 1st, 3rd and 5th Sundays of the month at 7 p.m. in the Jerusalem Room at church. All ladies are encouraged to attend! Pick up your study guide from the church office and join us!

Ladies Encouragement Group
Moving our feet, shining our light!



Thursday Morning Ladies Bible Class will begin on Thursday, September 8. We meet from 9:00 A.M. to 11:00 A.M. in the Jerusalem Room. All ladies are welcome!

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:

September 7, 21

October 5, 19

November 2, 16, 30

December 14, 28

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.



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September Devotion: "Overwhelmed"

Jesus was sleeping. The disciples went and woke Him, saying, "Lord, save us! We're going to drown!" Matthew 8:24-25

We feel overwhelmed at times. A storm at sea, a blinding blizzard, a tornado, an earthquake -- any of these can make us feel weak and helpless. But often it's other things that overwhelm us.

We get tired running around. We want to stop and catch our breath but can't. Some things looked so simple at first and so much fun: getting married, raising children, starting a new job. Then suddenly there we are -- overwhelmed. We never dreamed it would be like this. When you add grief, pain, loneliness, frustration, and anger, the things that overwhelm us seem legion.

"Jesus was sleeping." We think: If the Lord had been alert, it would not have happened. Unless we see Him standing there and doing something, we tremble. The winds and waves are too much for us. We cannot bear to have Jesus silent.

As a matter of fact, the Lord is often silent. Rare indeed are the times when He moves right in like a conquering hero. Why? Because whatever towers above us or threatens within us cannot hurt us. It will not overwhelm us. He is with and in us, and we in Him. The very grave could not contain Him. When this truth begins to overwhelm us, other things cannot.

PRAYER: Father, overwhelm me with Your love and power. Amen.