

**ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH**

**WEST POINT, NE**

**May 19, 2024**

**Rev. John P. Gierke, Pastor**

**FROM THE ELDERS:**

May 17, 2024

**Regular Worship services** are Saturday evening at 6 pm and Sunday morning at 9 am. Holy Communion is the weekend of the First and Third Sundays of the month. Services are on the projection screens. Hymnals are in the pews for those who choose to use them. We ask that you sign the fellowship pad, available in the pews, and pass it to others in your pew as you greet them. Anyone wishing to be contacted by the pastor, or join our congregation is asked to supply their contact information. **We welcome you to view our services on our website, Facebook, and the West Point cable channel 11 (Monday mornings at 10 am).**

**A Beacon Message** is sent out in case of changes to our worship services. If you do not receive the Beacon messages, please call the church office to have your cell phone number and/or email added to the list.

**An e-mail bulletin** is available. If you have not received this, please call the church office to update your email address.

*“The Word became flesh and made His dwelling among us” (John 1:14)*

*Jesus is Risen! Halleluia!*

St. Paul Board of Elders

Larry Abrahams, Mark Groth, DJ Weddle, David Hughes,

Mark Johnson, Dennis Mueller, Justin Miller

Phone numbers for the Elders are posted on the bulletin board in the narthex.

**STEWARDSHIP CORNER**

When we give faithfully and generously, we demonstrate God’s redeeming grace that is alive and well within us. Because of God’s grace, we are empowered to give. Our giving is a spiritual response to God out of gratitude for all that He has done for us. Giving in response to God’s love should be our primary motive for giving. Giving to meet our church’s budget is important, but it should not be our primary reason for giving. Through the giving of our first and best to the Lord, we worship and honor Him.

**St. Paul church office** currently has varying hours. Please call ahead before coming to the office. Please use the number for St. Paul Lutheran Church for any church business calls. 402-372-2111.

**Services at St. Paul Lutheran Church:**

**Saturday, 6 pm**

**Sunday, 9 am**

**Holy Communion is the First and Third Sunday weekends of the month.**

**Our service is shown online on our website:**

[www.stpaulwp.org](http://www.stpaulwp.org)

**Our Sunday Service,**

airs each week on Monday morning, 10 am, on cable channel 11.

**Due to time restrictions,** the broadcast Sunday mornings at 11:30 am on KTIC FM 107.9 and AM840 is the service from the previous week.

**BROADCASTS ON**

**AM 840 and FM 107.9**

**The Lutheran Hour, Sundays at 11 am.**

**St. Paul Broadcast, Sundays at 11:30 am.**

**This week's**

**Lutheran Hour Broadcast**

**and St. Paul Broadcast**

are sponsored by members  
of St. Paul congregation.

**Sponsors are needed for The Lutheran Hour Broadcast  
and our St. Paul Broadcast.**

Cost is \$40.00 per broadcast.

Please contact the church office at 402-372-2111.

**Daily Chapel**

each morning at approximately 9:45 am on AM 840 and 11:50 am on FM 107.9.

**Daily Chapel:** Cost is \$81 a week. Donations of any amount are welcome for this program. Please make checks to "West Point circuit", marked "Daily Chapel," in the memo line, and send to Cleo Toelle at 127 E. Walnut St., West Point, 68788. Or you may drop off checks here at St. Paul church. Thank You.

**The Lutheran Hour**

May 19

**"Waiting, But Not Alone"**

Guest Speaker: Rev. Dr. Jason Broge  
Jesus leaves His followers waiting for Him to return  
but He promises they will not be left alone.  
(Acts 2:1-21)

**The Lutheran Hour**

May 26

**"Penultimate Sacrifice"**

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler  
Memorial Day honors those who made "the ultimate sacrifice" in service to country,  
but there was one Sacrifice infinitely greater.  
(Acts 10:1-2)

**The Lutheran Hour**

June 2

**"Lit Up"**

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler  
The Law and Gospel light of Jesus is both an exposing searchlight  
that reveals our shortcomings  
and a warm grow light that nurtures us.  
(Acts 11:24)

**This week at St. Paul Lutheran Church:**

- Sunday, May 19: 9 am – Worship & Communion  
Bible Study in church basement following worship  
10:30 am – “Growing in God’s Grace” in the church basement conference room
- Monday, May 20: Pastor’s Day Off  
10 am – Sunday Service on cable channel 11
- Tuesday, May 21: Pastor’s Winkel at Winnebago
- Wednesday, May 22: Pastor out of the office  
9 am – Rebekah Circle
- Thursday, May 23: Pastor out of the office  
7 pm Miriam Circle
- Friday, May 24: Pastor out of the office
- Saturday, May 25: 1 pm - Private Baptism  
6 pm – Worship
- Sunday, May 26: 9 am – Worship  
Bible Study in church basement following worship  
10:30 am – “Growing in God’s Grace” in the church basement conference room

Miriam Circle will meet May 23 in the church conference room at 7 pm. Lesson is “Baptized, Equipped, Serving” in the Spring Quarterly. Roll Call is a Favorite Summer Memory.  
LWML check your church box for the latest Leaguers.



## **Growing in God's Grace:**

Sundays, 10:30 am – 11:30 am.

**All Kids Welcome** to learn about Jesus, through Singing, Bible Stories, Prayer and Fun!

Join us in the church basement conference room.

All parents are invited to Adult Bible Class in the church basement during this time.



## **Vacation Bible School "The Great Jungle Journey"!**

Monday through Thursday, June 3-6, 8:30-11:30 am, at St. Paul Lutheran School.

Registration forms are on the table in the back of church for kids age preschool through 4<sup>th</sup> grade. Older children are welcome to come as helpers. No cost to attend. Free will donations welcome to help with VBS costs.

Sign up sheets are also in the back of church for anyone who can help with VBS.

Needed: Teachers and teacher assistants for Kindergarten, Grades 1&2 and Grades 3&4, Music leader and assistant, and assistants for crafts and snacks.

Thank you for your support.

**Save your plastic jars!** 37 of the 80 clear plastic jars needed for a VBS craft project have been received. Please help us collect 43 more before May 29.



**Join us for Movie Night!!** Everyone invited for the movie War Room.

Sunday, June 9, 6:30 pm in the church basement. Doors open at 6 pm.

Popcorn provided, or bring your own snacks, (or supper), drink, comfy chair.

*Prayer is a POWERFUL weapon!*

**St. Paul Lutheran School Summer Club:** Summer Club runs May 20 – August 2. Monday through Friday, 7:30 am-5 pm. Accepting students entering 3 year old preschool (must be potty trained) through 8<sup>th</sup> grade. Monday through Thursday, lunch provided. Friday, sack lunch needed. Activities, games crafts, lessons, field trips. Cost: \$50 non refundable registration fee (will be deducted from first week's payment. 5 days: 1<sup>st</sup> Child \$170 per week. Additional Children: \$95 per week. Drop-in rate: 1<sup>st</sup> child, \$50 per day, Additional Children: \$25 per day. Contact St. Paul Lutheran School at 402-372-2355.

**St. Paul Parish Coordinator:** Full time or part time position available in the church office. Please contact Larry Abrahams at 402-380-8928 if interested.

**LWML:** Lutheran Women's Missionary League is collecting canceled stamps (those that have been mailed, antique stamps, etc.) This project is ongoing until the Convention in June 2025. LWML is also collecting the fronts of greeting cards until the middle of June. For questions contact Linda Meyer at 402-372-6415.

**LWML** is collecting jean pockets. They have received enough crocheted pockets.

**Join us for our Progressive Supper:** Sunday, June 23. St. Mary's, St. Paul's, Grace & Trinity hosting. 5 pm– appetizers at St. Paul, 5:30 pm- Salads at Grace, 6:00 Main Course at St. Mary; 6:30 pm- Dessert at Trinity.

**Women's Thursday Evening Bible Study:** 6-8 pm in the church basement. Topic: "Esther: It's Tough Being a Woman" All women of the community are welcome.

**DONATE BLOOD. HELP SAVE LIVES.** Monday, June 3, 12–6 pm at the Nielsen Community Center. Call 1-800-733-2767 or visit [RedCrossBlod.org](http://RedCrossBlod.org) and enter: WestPoint to schedule an appointment.

**Zion St. John Mission Fest** - Sun. June 9, Zion St. John Lutheran Church, rural Wisner, annual mission fest service. Guest pastor is Pastor James May, director of Lutherans in Africa, who is helping to raise funds for the Lutheran seminary in Ethiopia. The service is at 10:30, followed by lunch and then Pastor May's mission presentation. (Zion St. John Lutheran Church is located at 999 6<sup>th</sup> Rd., Wisner, 8 miles south of town on Rd. 6).

**Grief Support West Point:** The last Monday of each month, 5:30 – 6:30 pm at Franciscan Healthcare Assisi Conference Room, West Point. Short presentation followed by open discussion. Nobody is forced to talk if they do not want to talk. This is a time to learn about grief and mourning, and give and receive support from others. No registration required for these monthly sessions.

**Children's Activity Bags:** Cloth bags are hanging on the hooks in the back of the church for children to use that have coloring pages, small toys, a snack, crafts and other surprises. Please hang back up after use at the end of the service.

**Use your time and talents!** Be a Lector, Video Tech, Audio Tech or Projectionist for our worship services, or serve as a Wedding Coordinator for weddings. Training is provided. Contact the church office at 372-2111.

**Lutherans for Life:** meets every other month on the third Thursday of the month at St. John's in Beemer at 1:30 p.m. in the basement. Gospel focused Bible Study about God's call to support life from conception to natural death. If you have any questions, please call Pastor Belinsky at (231) 383-3300 or e-mail him at [pastormike01@gmail.com](mailto:pastormike01@gmail.com).

**Grace Lutheran, West Point:** celebrating 150 years. June 9, 2024. 10am worship, 11am pot-luck lunch. Bring sides or dessert or just yourself. There will be ice cream and shaved ice vendors followed by games and activities.

### **Lutheran Hour Ministries**

Daily Devotions from LHM will help strengthen and encourage your faith as you do the same for others. Have them delivered right to your inbox, podcast the audio devotional, access them on your mobile device through the FREE app, or listen with Spotify, iHeart Radio, Alexa, or Google Home. Seasonal Devotions for Advent and Lent are also available in both English and Spanish. Perfect for personal reflection or to share with family, friends and congregations, these seasonal meditations will help prepare you to celebrate the true meaning of these seasons.

**Missionary Support:** To financially support Jana Inglehart (Dominican Republic) or Ruth Maita (pronounced My-tah) (Puerto Rico) donations can be sent to Mission Central, 40718 Hwy E 16, Mapleton, IA 51034. Designate name in the memo line.

To support Josh Lange & family, (Asia) donations can be sent to Mission of Christ Network, PO Box 533 Concordia, MO 64020. Designate name in the memo line.

To financially support Jacob Fraher and family (Kenya) donations can be sent to Faith Aid, P.O. Box 4326, Ashburn, VA 20148. Designate name in the memo line.

### **E-MAIL BULLETIN AVAILABLE.**

If you have not received this, please call the church office and update your email address.  
402-372-2111

**If you have not signed up to be included in our Church and/or School Messaging system, please call the church office at 402-372-2111.** With your cell phone number and/or email, we can keep you updated on cancellations, Church or School events and special messages.

### **RIGHT NOW MEDIA**

Check out this digital library with numerous Christian resources for Bible Study, personal and family devotions and for living out your faith.

Link to this “Netflix of Video Bible Studies” with more than 20,000 videos, including over 2,000 safe entertaining videos just for kids.

Scan the QR code or text the code: STPAULWP to the number 49775 to welcome you to a link to register for free.

This resource is currently being provided for you by St. Paul members and Board of Parish Education.



### **BECOME A TUITION ANGEL**

The Tuition Angel program gathers funds to help parents who desire a Christian education for their children, but struggle to afford it. You can help a family with all or some of their tuition costs. Though tuition rates are below the actual cost to educate a student, for many middle and income families, that amount is out of reach. You can help with a one time donation, or monthly donation in whatever amount you choose. Please call the school office at 372-2355 to learn more.

## **Volunteer Opportunities at St. Joseph Elder Services**

Drivers to deliver Meals on Wheels (Approximately 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.)

Front Desk at the Retirement Community

(Presence, greet visitors, direct as needed [phone is answered by the staff])

Front Desk at the Villa

(Presence, answer the phone and direct calls, greet visitors.)

Join in and help with activities.

(Bingo, card games, etc. with groups or individuals)

Help transport to religious services or activities

(Push wheelchairs, walk with walkers)

Please contact Jane if you would like to volunteer or have any questions.

Email: [jweiler@sjeswp.org](mailto:jweiler@sjeswp.org)

Phone: 402-372-1118 x519

**It's a blessing** to be able to watch the service online, on our website and You Tube. Offerings are used to help make this online service possible and to continue the work of the church and school. If you cannot worship in person, please continue to give your tithes and offerings, that we can continue the work of spreading the Good News of the Gospel. Offerings can be mailed to St. Paul Lutheran Church, 434 N. Lincoln St., West Point, NE 68788, dropped off in the mailbox at the south door of the church, or use "*Joyful Response*". Thank You.

**"Joyful Response:** your offerings go directly from your bank account to our St. Paul Lutheran Church and School account. Please call the church office to set this up. Have your bank account number and routing number when you call. Your donations can be given weekly, monthly, or bi-monthly, and you will receive a giving statement.

## **Help support St. Paul Lutheran School through the following programs:**

**Best Choice® Save-A-Label™ Program:** Participating is as easy as 1-2-3!

Shop at your grocer for BEST CHOICE products. There are more than 4,400 Best Choice® items at more than 3,000 stores. Brands include Best Choice®, Clearly by Best Choice®, and Best Choice® Superior Selections®. Save the UPC portion only of the labels from those products. It is not necessary to send in the whole label. To ensure it is a Best Choice product look for the words "Best Choice®" printed above the UPC symbol. Turn the UPC codes into the school office! We receive \$30 for every 1,000 labels we send in.

**Box Top's for Education:** Cash can be earned for St. Paul School through the Box

Tops for Education program, via the Box Tops App, by visiting online at [www.boxtops4education.com](http://www.boxtops4education.com) or by clipping actual "Box Tops" from products and turning them into the school office. It's as easy as 1, 2, and 3.

1) Purchase eligible Box Tops products.

2) Redeem your earnings by going to the Box Tops App or online, within 14 days from purchase, and scan or enter your receipts (both paper and digital receipts are eligible). There is a maximum of scanning 50 receipts per day per registered account. Also, you can cut the actual "Box Top" from the product and turn them into the school office. Please make sure the box tops have not expired. We earn \$0.10 for each actual box top.

3) St. Paul earns cash rewards which are directly deposited into the school's account.

You can also earn BONUS cash rewards by redeeming 14-digit Bonus Box Top Codes OR participating in periodic bonus cash opportunities on both the App or online. Offers are updated all the time, so make sure to check back often!

**Casey's Rewards Program.** Did you know that Casey's has a Rewards program and that our school is participating in the Cash for Classrooms part of that reward program? You earn points on all your Casey's purchases in-store, online, or at the pump. You can then turn those points into donations to St. Paul School.

You can join Casey's Rewards by creating an account through the Casey's app by downloading it from the App Store or on Google Play or online at Caseys.com. You then start earning points on your everyday purchases and turn those points into a donation to our school.

To donate your points just find St. Paul Lutheran School in the rewards section of the program. It's that easy!

All Casey's donations go directly to our school. Funds are disbursed twice a year, in December and April, via a check to the school. There is no minimum amount required. We have already received funds from generous community donors.

**Each month, the Salvation Army and Food for the Heartland** provides non-perishable food items, bread, and vegetables/fruits for area residents. Volunteers from local churches distribute the food at the drive-through pickup held the third Saturday of each month. Any Cuming County resident can pick-up food; there are no income restrictions. Grace Lutheran Church has received several grants to add protein and dairy to the monthly distribution, and that money has supported this program for 2 years. Unfortunately, the funds are running low. Each month, anywhere from \$750 - \$800 is needed to pay for the protein and dairy items for the 70-80 households that receive food. We are asking for help in raising additional money to continue to provide protein/dairy monthly. Perhaps your business, church, club, family would like to sponsor a month, or two, or more.

**Donations designated for the monthly food distribution may be sent to Grace Lutheran Church 104 South Colfax Street, West Point, NE 68788** for 'protein/dairy monthly distribution'. If you have questions, please contact the church at 402-372-2050 or [gracewpn@hotmail.com](mailto:gracewpn@hotmail.com).