

St. Paul Lutheran Church News Bulletin



March 1, 2026
St. Paul Lutheran Church
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It is the Mission of St. Paul Lutheran Church to reach the lost with the saving Gospel of Jesus Christ, and to equip the saved for a life of Christian service.

Pastor John P. Gierke

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Elders: Larry Abrahams, Mark Groth, David Hughes, Mark Johnson, Terry Mohl

Worship Services

Regular worship services are Saturday evenings at 6pm and Sunday mornings at 9am. Holy Communion is celebrated the first and third weekends of the month.

The worship service program can be viewed on our website, and the video services are streamed on YouTube, aired Mondays at 10am on cable channel 11, and radio broadcasted Sundays at 11:30am on KTIC FM 107.9 and AM 840.

Cost to sponsor a Lutheran Hour or St. Paul broadcast is \$40.

Daily Chapel

Each morning at approximately 9:45 am on AM 840 and 11:50 am on FM 107.9. Donations of any amount are welcome for this program. The cost is \$81 a week. Please make checks to "West

As We Gather

Abraham looms over the Old and New Testaments. Abraham is also our father because we are in Christ. We are his heirs, who live within the promise God made to us through Abraham. We are also his heirs as a people whose righteousness is not by accomplishment but by faith, not by works but by trusting in the promise of God to save us. Paul urges both Jew and Gentile to see in Abraham the model of faith who many times was left only with faith in God's promises and still believed. So now are we commended to show forth that we are his heirs by our own faith in Christ, our righteousness. Like Abraham, we have no real options. Our hope is bound to the Father's gracious promises fulfilled in Christ.

**This weekend's
Lutheran Hour is
sponsored by
St. Paul Ladies Aid
and
St. Paul Broadcast
are sponsored by
Maren Reppert**

The Lutheran Hour - Our Weekly Message Of Hope

March 1, 2026

"The Fifth Act"

Lutheran Hour Speaker: [Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler](#)

Through the Bible, God invites us to help Him complete the unfinished drama He's been writing for the world.

1 Corinthians 4:1

Encouraging Stewardship

March 1 – Second Sunday in Lent (Reminiscere)

Matthew 15:27 – “Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters’ table.” These are the words of faith, for faith means receiving what God gives. And God has given us so much more than just the crumbs that fall from the table — He has given us life, salvation, body and soul, eyes and ears, possessions and income. That's where our stewardship starts: with faith in the God who is the greatest Giver.

This Week At St. Paul Lutheran Church

Sunday, March 1:

9:00 am – Worship and communion followed by fellowship

10:30 am - From Acts to Action Bible Study

7:00 pm - High school girls' devotions at Bill and Peg McAllister's home

Monday, March 2:

10:00 am – Sunday service on cable channel 11

Tuesday, March 3:

Wednesday, March 4:

8:15 am – **No** Chapel - St. Paul School spring break through March 6

5:00 pm - **No** Confirmation classes (public 7th & 8th) - Public spring break

5:30 pm - Supper in church basement

7:00 pm - Lent Wednesday worship

7:00 pm - High school guys' devotions at Bill and Peg McAllister's home

Thursday, March 5:

2:00 pm - Ladies Aid in the church social room.

Saturday, March 7:

6:00 pm – Worship followed by fellowship

Sunday, March 8:

9:00 am – Worship followed by fellowship

10:30 am - From Acts to Action Bible Study

Email News Bulletin

Emails with this news bulletin are available. Call or email the office to sign up.

Beacon Messages

Beacon messages are texts or emails sent out to alert changes to the services and important information. To sign up, please call or email the church office, with a cellphone number or email to receive the alerts. If your contact info has changed, please inform the church office.

Announcements

To have an announcement displayed on the slides before and after church or sent as a beacon, the information must be sent to the church office by noon on Thursdays.

Please Call Ahead

Before coming to St. Paul Church office. For church business calls, use 402-372-2111.

Choir Practice

Will be on Sundays at 7:45 am in the church basement. New voices and members welcome.

High School Guys Devotion Nites

At Peg and Bill McAllister's home (103 Kaup Street) will be every Wednesday evening at 7:00 pm. All high school guys are welcome, bring a friend and make it more fun. They will be studying "Growing Integrity".

High School Girls Devotion Nites

At Peg and Bill McAllister's home (103 Kaup Street) will be the 1st and 3rd Sunday evening at 7:00 pm. All high school girls are welcome, bring a friend and make it more fun. They will be starting a new series "Woman of the Bible".

The 3rd Quarter

Mission offerings from chapel services will go to Hearts for Jesus Children's Hope Chest for a new Care Point in Magoro, Uganda, Africa.

St. Paul "On-a-Mission" Bags

Make every trip a mission trip! Wherever you go, you'll have the opportunity to tell anyone who asks you about Jesus and that He's the reason for the hope that we have. Then invite them to come to St. Paul if they don't already have a church home.



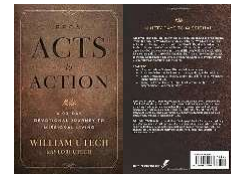
These bags are available for \$5.00 apiece. **The proceeds will go to support our missionaries connected with St. Paul through LCMS Mission Central in Mapleton, Iowa.** We will also keep a number of bags handy as a gift to our guests who would like one to help carry out our Lord's mission.

Mission Givings

"When we give cheerfully and accept gratefully everyone is blessed" – Maya Angeleo. January's mission giving's will be sent will be sent to Concordia University Nebraska and February's will be sent to Lutheran High in Fremont.

Sunday Bible Study

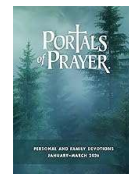
From Act to Action - a 90-day Devotional Journey to Missional Living.



Come join us in the church basement after fellowship.

Portals Of Prayers

If you did not get this quarter's Portals of Prayer, we now have more available on the back table in the Narthex.



Volunteers Needed

Our funeral committee is seeking volunteers (men or women) willing to volunteer at funerals. Seeking helpers and those willing to bring a sweet treat to serve at a funeral. You need not belong to an organization. You would be called by a committee member to see if you could help by serving or bringing something

sweet (cake, cookies, bars, etc.). If you feel blessed to help us out call Penny at church with your name and phone number and how you'd be willing to serve. A committee member will be in contact with you. God bless.

Lent Ecumenical Men's Breakfast & Devotions

Fridays in Lent, gather with other men at Grace Lutheran for breakfast & devotions, from 6:30-7:00 am. Sponsored by the West Point Ministerial Association. Free will offering will go to scholarships for graduating seniors going to college.

Prayers

Please keep the family of Norma Linscott who passed away on February 22nd in your prayers.

Chili Cook-Off

Lutheran High School - Fremont Chili Cook-Off, Sunday March 8th. Bring the heat. 4:00-7:00 pm. Featuring chili tasting and delicious cinnamon rolls.

Zion Lutheran Church - Bancroft

54th Annual pancake supper, March 29th 5:00-7:00 pm. Zion Lutheran school gym, 1710 20th Rd, Bancroft. Sponsored by the Zion Lutheran Church. Freewill donation proceeds to help with tuition for Zion kids attending St. Paul's School.

Sunday Service

The Sunday service that airs Mondays on cable Channel will now air a week later after the service due to Sparklight's processing.

Free - Crib

If you need a crib or know of someone who does call Kathy Feyerherm at 402-380-1601 for more info.

Scam Calls/Text Messages

We have been alerted that there have been some text messages, that have said to be from Pastor Gierke but are really from a scam number. So, if you receive one from a different number other than Pastor's please do not respond and report it as being scam. Pastor will never ask for any personal info or for gift cards etc. through a text message or email.

Easter Lilies

If you would like to dedicate a lily to a family member, friend or in memory of a loved one please call the church office by March 27th. Lilies will be \$19.50. These donations will help beautify our sanctuary, with the dedication list featured in our Easter Sunday service bulletin. Thank you for helping to make our Easter Service special.

Learn More About St. Paul's

Scan the QR code to visit our website and learn more about our Church.



Fun Facts - Did You Know?

The tradition of celebrating Easter with white lilies holds a deep spiritual significance in Christian symbolism and tradition. White lilies are often associated with purity, innocence and new life. The white lily is often considered a symbol of the resurrection of Jesus Christ. Just as the lily emerges from the earth in springtime, so too did Jesus emerge from the tomb on Easter morning, victorious over death. The white petals of the lily represent the purity and innocence of Christ, who was without sin. The trumpet-like shape of the flower is also reminiscent of the trumpet blast that will herald the return of Christ at the end of time. Furthermore, the fragrance of the lily is said to symbolize the sweet fragrance of Christ's sacrifice on the cross. Just as the aroma of the lily fills the air, so does the love and grace of Christ fill our hearts with hope and joy. In addition to its symbolic significance, the timing of the lilies' bloom also aligns with the Easter season. In many parts of the world, Easter falls during springtime when flowers begin to bloom and nature awakens from its winter slumber. The sight of white lilies adorning churches and home serves as a visual reminder of new life and renewal that Easter brings.



Help Support Our Church & School

Time and talent needed!

Be a Lector, Video Tech, Audio Tech or Projectionist for our worship services, or serve as a Wedding Coordinator for weddings. Training is provided.

Become a Tuition Angel

The Tuition Angel program helps parents who desire a Christian education for their children but struggle to afford it. 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 families, that amount is out of reach. You can help with a one-time donation, or monthly donation in whatever amount you choose. Call the school office at 372-2355 to learn more.

Graybeal's Grocery Receipt Program

Shop Graybeal's in West Point from August 1st thru April 15th of the current school year. Turn your store receipts into the school office by putting them in the Receipt Box located on the table at the school or the box in the back of the church. We receive 1% back from all receipt's subtotals minus the amounts for alcohol & tobacco.

Best Choice® Save-A-Label™ Program

Shop at your grocer for BEST CHOICE products. Brands include Best Choice®, Clearly by

Best Choice®, & Best Choice® Superior Selections®. Save the UPC portion of the labels only. Please do not send in the whole label. To ensure it's a Best Choice product look for the words "Best Choice®" above the UPC symbol. Turn the UPC codes into the school office! We receive \$30 per 1000 UPC codes.

Box Tops for Education

Cash can be earned with the Box Tops for Education program, via the Box Tops App or by visiting www.boxtops4education.com. Actual "Box Tops" are no longer accepted. Just purchase eligible Box Tops products. Redeem earnings by using the Box Tops App or online, within 14 days of purchase. Scan or enter your receipts (paper & digital receipts accepted). Maximum of 50 receipts per day per registered account. Earn BONUS cash rewards by redeeming 14-digit Bonus Box Top Codes OR participate in bonus cash opportunities (on the App or online.) Offers updated often! Earnings are directly deposited into the school's account.

Casey's Rewards Program

Our school participates in the Cash for Classrooms portion of the Casey's reward program. Points are earned on all Casey's purchases. Turn those points into donations to St. Paul School by joining Casey's Rewards through the Casey's app or online at Caseys.com. You then earn points on purchases that you can turn into a donation to our school. To donate your points, find St. Paul

Lutheran School in the rewards section of the program. All Casey's donations go directly to our school in December and April. There is no minimum amount required.

Thrivent Choice Dollars

Thrivent Members can donate choice dollars to charitable organizations St. Paul School by selecting them as your charity of choice. You can do this online or by phone. To do it online just visit hrivent.com/thriventchoice. In The "GET STARTED" section, on the right, click Direct Thrivent Choice Dollars. Log in then choose St Paul Lutheran School ID ending In 4797 or St. Paul Lutheran Preschool, ID ending in 0021 as the organization to direct your Choice Dollars. Choose "Direct All" or enter a specific number and click "Direct Now." Follow the prompts on the confirmation page. To select St. Paul School by phone, call 800-847-4836 and say "Thrivent Choice Dollars" & select St. Paul Lutheran School or Preschool. Choice Dollars are directly deposited into our account.

Joyful Response

Through "Joyful Response," your offerings go directly from your bank account to the Church & School account weekly, monthly, or bi-monthly. Please call the church office to set this up. Please have your bank account number & routing number ready. Offerings can also be mailed to St. Paul Lutheran Church or dropped off in the mailbox at the south door of the church.

Help Support the Community

Missionary Support

To financially support our missionaries, donations may be made to addresses below. Please designate name in the memo line.

Andrew & Noel Schaff
Mission Central
40718 Hwy E 16
Mapleton, IA 51034. (Taiwan)

Ruth Maita & family (*Puerto Rico*)
Mission Central
40718 Hwy E 16
Mapleton, IA 51034.

Josh Lange & family (*Asia*)
Mission of Christ Network
PO Box 533
Concordia, MO 64020.

Jacob Fraher & family (*Kenya*)
Faith Aid
P.O. Box 4326
Ashburn, VA 20148.

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. Each month, anywhere from \$750 - \$800 is needed to pay for the protein and dairy items for the 70-80 households that receive food. Perhaps your business, church, club, family would like to sponsor a month, or two, or more.

St. Joseph Elder Services

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

Help transport to religious services or activities

Donations

designated "protein/dairy monthly distribution" for the monthly food distribution may be sent to:

**Grace Lutheran Church
104 South Colfax Street
West Point, NE 68788**

If you have questions, please contact Grace Lutheran Church. 402-372-2050 or gracewpn@hotmail.com

Resources and Programs

Main Street Living

Main Street Living is a liturgical worship service broadcasting a different local pastor each Sunday morning. It airs along with the classic Lutheran Hour program, "This is the Life". Both can be viewed on KLKN Channel 8 (Lincoln) & WOWT Channel 6.2 (Omaha). Worship services are interpreted and closed captioned for the deaf and hard of hearing. More information and to view current and past episodes go to mainstreetliving.com/Lincoln



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



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.

Questions? Call Pastor Belinsky at (231) 383-3300 or e-mail him at pastormike01@gmail.com.

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 app, or listen with Spotify, iHeart Radio, Alexa, or Google Home. Seasonal Devotions or 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.