

St. Paul Lutheran Church News Bulletin



April 5, 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 "Daily Chapel".

As We Gather

Are you wearing a new outfit for Easter? The custom of putting on new clothes for Easter Day has a long Christian history. In the earliest centuries after the ascension of Christ, newly baptized Christians wore white garments of new linen as a visible sign of the newness that being baptized had brought into their lives. Soon it became a tradition that all the faithful would join the newly baptized in arraying themselves on Easter in a new outfit to symbolize the new life that Jesus, through His resurrection, made a reality for all believers. The new clothes were much more than a fashion statement; they were a statement of faith. ***No matter what we are wearing today as individuals, together we share the best eternal clothing there is which God has provided through Jesus Christ!***

The Lutheran Hour - Our Weekly Message Of Hope

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"You Don't Know What You Have Till It's Gone"

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

Death is the enemy of life, but in Jesus, God made death
become life's servant.

1 Corinthians 15:26

Encouraging Stewardship

April 5 – Easter

John 20:16 – “**Jesus said to her, ‘Mary.’**” Jesus is risen from the dead, is the Victor over sin, and even calls us by name. He still calls us His friends and brothers and means to bring us through death to join Him in His resurrection. Christ is risen, He is risen indeed!

**This weekend's
Lutheran Hour
and
St. Paul Broadcast
are sponsored
George Wimmer &
Ann Beckenhauer**

This Week At St Paul Lutheran Church

Easter Sunday, April 5:

6:30 am - Worship and Communion

7:30 - 8:45 am - Easter Breakfast

9:00 am – Worship and Communion

Monday, April 6:

10:00 am – Sunday service on cable channel 11

Tuesday, April 7:

Wednesday, April 8:

8:15 am - Chapel

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

Thursday, April 9:

10:00 am - Chapel at St. Joe's

11:00 am - Chapel at the Villa

Friday, April 10:

Saturday, March 11:

6:00 pm - Worship

Sunday, March 12:

6:30 am - Worship

9:00 am – Worship

10:30 am - From Acts to Action Bible Study

2:00 pm - School Musical at The West Point Community Theater

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

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 2nd and 4th 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 "Women of the Bible".

The 4th Quarter

Mission offerings from chapel services will go to Camp Luther of Nebraska in Schuyler.



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.

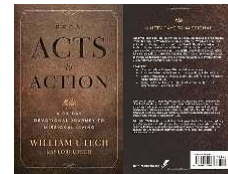
Mission Givings

"When we give cheerfully and accept gratefully everyone is blessed" – Maya Angelou.

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

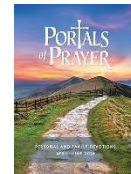
From Act to Action - a 90-day Devotional Journey to Missional Living.



Come join us in the church basement after fellowship.

Portals Of Prayers

New copies of Portals of Prayer are now available for you to pick up. They are on the table in the Narthex, please help yourself.



Grief Support

Understanding Your Grief is an eight-week support group for adults who are grieving the death of someone significant in their lives. Each person grieves in their own way, and at their own pace. This group provides an opportunity to understand your grief and find hope and healing. You will learn healthy ways to cope and feel support from others who are having similar

experiences on their grief journey. **March 24th - May 12th. Tuesdays 6:00 - 7:30 pm at St. Joseph's Retirement Community the Steven Room. Register online or call Chaplain Tom. Spots are limited. Chaplain Tom Manhart 402-372-6708 or tmanhart@franhealth.org.**

Eye Glasses

The Wisner Lions Club is collecting used eyeglasses. Please collect them between now and April 26th and give them to an LWML member to take to the Spring Workshop at St. John's Lyons on April 26th. JoAnn Lewis from St. John's in Beemer will collect them on behalf of the Wisner Lions Club at the Spring Workshop. Thank you for your support.

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.

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 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.

Prayers

Please keep the family of Ryan Reppert, who passed away on March 28th in your prayers. May his family find peace and comfort knowing he is in God's loving care.

Welcome

We welcome Wendy Renee Toogood to our church family. Wendy was baptized in Christ after our worship service on Palm Sunday.

Registration Time

It's time to register for the 2026-2027 school year. If you did not receive a registration form in the mail you can pick one up at at the school office.

A Kid's Musical

"O Chicken Of Little Faith"
Presented by St. Paul Lutheran School, preschool-8th grade. April 12th at 2:00 pm, West Point Theater. Rehearsals are Wednesday, April 8th 9:15-10:30 am and Thursday, April 9th 8:15-10:00 am at the West Point Theater.

A Night Under The Stars

St. Paul Lutheran School Daddy/Daughter and Mother/Son dance Friday April 17th, 2026, 6:00-7:30 pm at St. Paul Lutheran School gym. Preschool-4th grade. Cost is \$10.00 per couple or \$20.00 per family. Concessions available.

Congratulations!

To this year's confirmation class. Back row: Pastor John Gierke, **Kylie Rose Fischer** daughter of Layne and Laura Fischer. **Kaidance Nicole Larsen** daughter of Quintin and Brittany Larsen. **Mara Ann Reimers** daughter of Joshua and Antonia Reimers. Front row: **Stella Leslie Leeper** daughter of Robert and Kelly Leeper. **Nora Eva June Weborg** daughter of Tyler and Rebecca Weborg. **Savannah Sue Diane Redding** daughter of Justin Redding and Melissa Redding. **Mylee Rae Hanks** daughter of Wayne Hanks and Jackie Jordan.



Easter Sunday Prayer

"Lord Jesus, Risen Master and triumphant Lord, we come to you in praise on this glorious Easter morning! Thank you for the victory over sin and death, and for the hope and new life that Easter brings. As the world sings praises, help us, Lord, to carry this resurrection joy with us beyond this day. Renew our hearts, minds, and lives, and let us walk boldly in the freedom you have won for us. May our lives declare the truth: He is risen! He is risen indeed! In your holy name, we pray. Amen."



Learn More About St Paul

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



Thank You

What a wonderful time of year it is as we dedicate time to remember once again the wonderful Resurrection of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Without the Resurrection, you and I would have no reason to rejoice or celebrate. It is also a time to remember our loved ones. Just as the lily blooms, so does our love for those who may be gone from our sight, but who are never gone from our hearts. Thank you to all who donated a lily and for helping to make our Easter Service special. If you donated a lily and would like to take it home, you can pick it up after our Sunday Easter service.



EASTER LILIES

In loving memory of:

**Douglas Bowman
Leonard & Eleanor Esch
Given by Kathryn Bowman**

**Merlin & Douglas Bowman
Given by Kathy, Ruth & Becky Bowman**

**Donald Ehrisman
Given by Starla Ehrisman**

**Mom, Dad, sister Jean and brothers John and Joel
Given by Jim Engelbart**

**Loved Ones
Given by Pastor John, Tonya & Nicholas Gierke**

**Orlando & Lois Mueller
Given by Dennis & Linda Mueller**

**Mary Neiman
Given by Ron, Sheri, Dan, Bryan, Traci, Joe & families**

**Their Parents
Given by Dennis & Sallie Rosenthal**

**Roland and Anita Elsasser
Given by Ron & Carol Vanek**

**Sandi Hicks
Given by Ron & Carol Vanek**

**Larry Wegner
Given by The Sunday Morning Bible Class**

**Loved Ones
Given by George Wimmer & Ann Beckenhauer**

**For Jesus
Given by Pastor John, Tonya & Nicholas Gierke**

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.