

St. Paul Lutheran Church News Bulletin



May 31, 2026

St. Paul Lutheran Church
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West Point, NE 68788



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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

Church Office: Penny Haase

President: Dennis Mueller

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

We usually think of ourselves as small, humble creatures. We are subject to the creation in which we live and often are at the mercy of the forces around us. But we are reminded in Genesis that we are the crown of God's creation, part and parcel of all He has made. We cannot understand Him, but we know enough. That is Peter's reminder to those who executed Jesus: He did not stay dead but was able to overcome the forces opposed to Him—for us! We have work to do, Jesus tells the disciples and us in the Gospel. But we do not have to do it alone. Though we cannot understand Him, God is with us each day in His strength, mercy, and forgiving love. In short, we need not comprehend our great God; we only receive all the love He has for us. "O LORD, our Lord, how majestic is Your name in all the earth!" (Psalm 8:1).

The Lutheran Hour - Our Weekly Message Of Hope

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"A Friendly Recommendation"

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

What happens when you find out that acquiring everything you've ever wanted... still isn't enough?

Genesis 1:26

**This weekend's
Lutheran Hour
and
St. Paul Broadcast
are sponsored by
Paul and Linda
Meyer and family.**

Encouraging Stewardship

May 31 – The Holy Trinity

Isaiah 6:3 – “And one called to another and said: ‘Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory!’” Behold the threefold Name of God! Here in Isaiah the angels cry, “Holy, holy, holy” to praise and acknowledge the Trinity: Father, Son and Holy Spirit. We are baptized into this Name. We have been made a part of God’s family. Now, we are called to live in harmony with our new family, to be godly and live in God’s image. As God is loving, kind and generous, so are we all called to be.

This Week At St Paul Lutheran Church

Sunday, May 31:

9:00 am – Worship

10:00 am - Bible Study “Traveling Light - The Promise of Psalm 23”

Monday, June 1:

10:00 am – Sunday service on cable channel 11

Tuesday, June 2:

7:00 pm - Constitution & Bylaws Town Hall Info meeting in the church basement

Wednesday, June 3:

Thursday, June 4:

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

Friday, June 5:

Saturday, June 6:

6:00 pm - Worship and communion

Sunday, June 7:

9:00 am – Worship and communion

10:00 am - Bible Study “Traveling Light - The Promise of Psalm 23”

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.

St. Paul "On-a-Mission" Bags

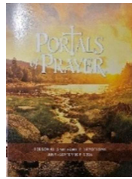
Make every trip a mission trip! Wherever you go, you'll have the opportunity to tell anyone who asks you about Jesus and that's the reason for the hope that we have. Then invite them to come to St. Paul if they don't already have a church home.



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.

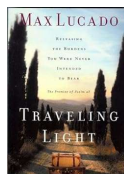
Portals Of Prayers

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.



New Sunday Bible Study

Traveling Light - The Promise of Psalm 23 Releasing The Burdens You Were Never Intended to Bear.



Sunday Service

Our Sunday worship service airs Mondays on Cable Channel 11.

Town Hall Info Meeting

Congregation members are invited to attend a town hall info meeting on **"Proposed Constitution & Bylaw Revisions"**. (No voting - just info) Tuesday, June 2nd at 7:00 pm in the church basement.

2nd Annual

Lutheran High - Fremont Golf Scramble! Last year's event was so successful that we moved this event to North Bend Golf Club!!

This event *cannot* happen without your help! Here are our big needs.

1. First and foremost, please **PRAY** for the success of this event! Pray for God to provide good golfing weather on Sunday, June 14th in North Bend, NE. Pray for many sponsors and many golfers! Your prayers have been so effective for this school year - please continue to pray!
2. We need **SPONSORS and GOLFERS.**

New this year - we are utilizing the online giving platform "GiveButter" to sign up both sponsors and golfers! This site is user friendly, but if anyone is hesitant or has difficulty with the online signup, please have them reach out to Dawn at 402-990-9444.

The link is:

[https://givebutter.com/2nd-annual-golf-outing-](https://givebutter.com/2nd-annual-golf-outing-4enuvc)

[4enuvc](https://givebutter.com/2nd-annual-golf-outing-4enuvc), Sponsorships are available at many different levels! **PLEASE** reach out to your favorites - your favorite stores, salon, or *any* business in the Fremont area!! ***Those who elect to include hole signs in their sponsorship must be signed up by Wednesday, June 3rd in order for us to print their signs.***

3. We need **VOLUNTEERS** on the day of the event!! Probably one of the most important jobs on

the signup sheet is our search for someone to head up the food on the 14th! Please sign up here: volunteersignup.org/HHCFQ

4. We need pin prizes and sleeves of golf balls! Please drop me an email or give me a call if you can help with this as well. Or feel free to go back to this link:

<https://givebutter.com/2nd-annual-golf-outing-4enuvc> and simply donate so that we can offset the costs of these items.



Nominations

Consider giving of your time, talents and wisdom to put your name in for nominations to the Churches offices. With prayer. Thank you. Dennis

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Will meet June 14th following our worship service in the church basement.

Progressive Supper

Grace and Trinity, St. Mary's and St. Paul's are getting together for a "Progressive Supper", Sunday, June 28. Sponsored by The West Point Ministerial Association.

5:00 pm - Appetizers at St. Mary's Cafeteria

5:30 pm - Salads at St. Paul's

6:00 pm - Main Course at Grace Lutheran

6:30 pm - Dessert at Trinity

Free will offering accepted for the West Point Ministerial Association Scholarship Fund.

Volunteers Needed

Volunteers are needed for the Progressive Supper. If you can bring a salad, set up or clean up, or help in any way, please let Tonya Gierke know (402-380-0019). There is a sign-up sheet available on a table by the bell tower. Thank you!

Vacation Bible School

This year's Vacation Bible School will be held July 13-17th from 8:30 - 11:30 am. For ages Preschool - 6th grade. Friday Night Luau at Neligh Park.



Newsorthy

If you have a St. Paul Church or school event or activity that you would like included in our weekly newsletter/ bulletin you can contact the church office. We would love to also include some pictures.

Learn More About St. Paul

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



ON THE LIGHTER SIDE

During a sermon, the pastor accidentally mixed up his notes and started reading a recipe for banana bread. The congregation was confused but intrigued as he passionately described the perfect banana-to-flour ratio. One member shouted, "Amen! That sounds delicious!" prompting laughter throughout the pews. The pastor, quick on his feet, said "Well, if you can't feed their soul, at least feed their stomach."



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.