

**ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
**WEST POINT, NE**

**January 22, 2023**

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

**FROM THE ELDERS:**

January 20, 2023

**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).**

**Applications** are being accepted for the position of Parish Coordinator. The position is open until filled. Applications are available from the church office or head Elder Larry Abrahams. Contact Larry Abrahams for any questions.

**The church office** currently has varying hours. Please call ahead before coming to the office.

**Meet and Greet Pastor Gierke!** Pastor Gierke and Tonya would like to get to know our church families better. Small, short “Meet & Greets” are being held in the church fellowship hall.

Watch for dates as they will be announced as they are scheduled.

To sign up, call Larry Abrahams at 402-380-8928 or Ann Beckenhauer at 402-372-3070. Group size is about 12-15 people per gathering, so it will take time to get everyone involved. Dessert and refreshments will be served.

**Bible Study** is held in the church basement, following our 9 am worship service.

Current topic is the book of Proverbs.

**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.

**Christ is Born!**

St. Paul Board of Elders

Larry Abrahams, Mark Groth, DJ Weddle, David Hughes, Chris Schiller, Mark Johnson

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

**Saturday, 6 pm**

**Sunday, 9 am**

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

**Bible Study**

In the church basement following Sunday morning worship service.

**Children's Ministry**

**will resume after the holidays.**

**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**

is given to the Glory of God.

**This week's St. Paul Broadcast**

is given in memory of Pearl Abrahams,  
by family and friends.

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

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

**To Sponsor a Lutheran Hour or St. Paul radio broadcast**

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

Cost is \$40 per broadcast.

**The Lutheran Hour**

January 22, 2023

*"Whatever You Do"*

Guest Speaker: Rev. Dr. Jason Broge

The mundane just isn't mundane when seen through heaven's eyes.

(Colossians 3:17-21)

**The Lutheran Hour**

January 29, 2023

*"Hopelessly Hopeful"*

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler

Having hope for humanity is not the same thing as hoping in humanity.

(Colossians 1:27)

**The Lutheran Hour**

February 5

*"Your Time to Shine"*

Guest Speaker: Rev. Dr. John Nunes

Light is necessary for life; God's light, even more so.

(Matthew 5:14-16)

**Daily Chapel:**

**each morning at approximately 9:45 am**

**on AM 840 and 11:50 am on FM 107.9.**

Cost is \$81 per week. Please make checks payable to Daily Chapel.

Checks may be sent to St. Paul Lutheran Church office.

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

Sunday, January 22: 9 am- Worship

Bible Study following worship

Monday, January 23: 10 am- Sunday worship service on cable channel 11

Tuesday, January 24: 7 pm – Church Council

Wednesday, January 25: 8:10 am – Chapel-Led by fourth grade.

Thursday, January 26: 6 pm – Women’s Bible Study

Friday, January 27:

Saturday, January 28: 6 pm – Worship

Sunday, January 29: 9 am- Worship

Voter’s Assembly following Worship

**St. Paul church office** currently has varying hours. Please call ahead before coming to the office. 402-372-2111.

**Quarterly Voter’s Assembly** is Sunday, January 29, immediately following our 9 am worship service. Please plan to attend. Agendas are available in the back of church.

**Congratulations to Tim and Kayla Maas** on the birth of a daughter, Kinley Helen Maas, born Friday, January 20, 2023. We look forward to welcoming this little one into God’s family through the waters of Holy Baptism.

**Miriam Circle** meets Thursday, January 26, 2023, at 7 pm at the home of Linda Meyer. Bible study is “Dilemmas & Decisions” from the Winter Quarterly.

**Thrivent Members:** Remember to designate your 2022 Choice Dollars before March 2023. St. Paul Lutheran Church and St. Paul Lutheran School are designated recipients of Choice Dollars.

**Children’s Church Ministry** will resume soon. Please watch for updates.

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**Women’s Thursday Evening Bible Study:** 6-8 pm in the church basement. All women of the community are welcome.

**Make a joyful noise!!** Welcoming everyone who would like to sing with the choir. Practice Sunday mornings, 7:45 am in the church basement. All voices welcome!

**Mae Lund** is undergoing treatment for an extended period. Please send any cards and greetings to 516 S. Bruner, West Point.

### **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.



### **Remember to save Grocery Receipts from Graybeal's**

(dated after Sept 1, 2022)

for St. Paul Lutheran School.

These can be brought to the school or put in the containers in the church narthex.

Thanks for supporting our school!

### **STEWARDSHIP CORNER**

A new year offers a new start for many of us. Like Paul, we “[*forget*] what is behind and [*strain*] toward what is ahead” (Philippians 3:13). Through Christ, Who has paid the penalty for our sins, the slate is clean; we **can** forget about the past. We are new creations in Christ (2 Corinthians 5:17), ready to go forward in His strength to serve Him with the gifts He has given us.

**Griefshare:** An 11 week video series seminar/support group. Monday’s January 30 to April 10, 6-8 pm. Hosted by Franciscan Healthcare, in the Clare Conference Room. Please use the south parking lot and enter through the after-hours door. Registration is strongly encouraged for material purposes. Contact Chaplain Tom Manhart at 402-372-6708 or [tmanhart@franhealth.org](mailto:tmanhart@franhealth.org). If required, masks will be available.

**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.

**Missionary Support:** To financially support Jana Inglehart (Dominican Republic) or Ruth Maita (pronounced Ma-th-ia) (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.

**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.

**E-MAIL BULLETIN AVAILABLE.**

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

**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 low 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.

**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.

**AMAZON SMILE:** St. Paul Church and School can benefit from your online Amazon Shopping. Amazon donates a percentage of each order directly back to the Charity YOU choose to Support. Go to: **Smile.amazon.com**—Select—**St Paul Church and School** (West Point, NE 68788) This can be done from both the App or Online.

**Please Save:** Best Choice bar codes, and Pizza Ranch Wagon Wheels for St. Paul Lutheran School.

**Download the Box Top App,** choose our school, city & state, snap a pic of your receipt and Done!

**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. As a result, 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 1/2? **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.