

St. Paul Lutheran Church News Bulletin



November 16, 2025

St. Paul Lutheran Church
434 N Lincoln St
West Point, NE 68788



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WELCOME, EVERYONE TO ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH. WE ARE GLAD YOU HAVE CHOSEN TO JOIN US TODAY AS WE WORSHIP THE LORD TOGETHER.

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.

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 Point circuit", marked "Daily Chapel," in the memo line, and send to Cleo Toelle at:
PO Box 65
West Point, NE 68788

Encouraging Stewardship

November 16 – Pentecost 23

Philippians 1:3, 5 – "I thank my God in all my remembrance of you...because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now." God doesn't need anything we have. Yet He invites us to give so that we can indeed become "partners in the Gospel." This is a gift of His grace. He invites us to do significant work in the Kingdom of God through our tithes and offerings.

This weekend's Lutheran Hour and St. Paul Broadcasts are sponsored by St. Paul Ladies Aid.

The Lutheran Hour

November 16

"The Name on the Front"

**Lutheran Hour Speaker: [Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler](#)
Mercy is an others-focused attitude because God is an others-first God.
(Romans 12:5-6)**

Pastor John P. Gierke

Church Office: Penny Haase

President: Dennis Mueller

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

This week at St. Paul Lutheran Church

Sunday, November 16:

9:00 am – Worship and communion in church sanctuary followed by fellowship

Baptism for Case Kenneth Batenhorst

Bible Study – Luther’s Small Catechism Refresh

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

Monday, November 17:

10:00 am – Sunday service on cable channel 11

Tuesday, November 18:

Pastor’s Winkel at St. John’s Pender

7:00 pm - Elders meeting and Bible study in the conference room.

Wednesday, November 19:

8:15 am – Chapel in the church sanctuary

9:00 am – Rebekah Circle in the church basement social room

6:00 pm - Confirmation classes (public 7th & 8th)

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

Thursday, November 20:

7:00 pm – Miriam Circle in the church basement social room

Friday, November 21:

Saturday, November 22:

6:00 pm – Worship in the church sanctuary followed by fellowship

Sunday, November 23:

9:00 am – Worship in church sanctuary followed by fellowship

Bible Study – Luther’s Small Catechism Refresh

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 update our church office as well.

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.

Thank You

Thank You to everyone who helped prepare/serve/clean up and/or brought food for the funeral luncheon. We appreciate your support and kindness! Love, the Family of Doris Zobel.

Thank You

to everyone who attended our open house celebration and potluck.

Looking For Volunteers

to be greeters at our church services. Individuals, couples or families are welcome to volunteer. Contact Julie Groth 402-372-6492 if you would like to volunteer or have questions.

Projection Volunteers

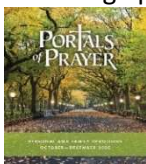
We are in need of more projection operators for Saturday and Sunday services. Please contact the church office. Training is available.

Sunday Morning Bible Class

will be refreshing on the basics of the Small Catechism. Please bring your own Small Catechism from your confirmation days and your Bible. If you need a Small Catechism, we will have copies for you.

Portals Of Prayer

for October-December are now available. We now have 3 sizes, pocket, digest and large print.



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 studying "Who Are You Following?" by Sadie Robertson.

The 2nd Quarter

Mission offering from chapel services will go to Lutheran Heritage Foundation for the Praise Him, Africa! Mission project to provide Lutheran songbooks in the Swahili language. For every \$5 given, one songbook will be provided.

Grief Support Group

October 6 – November 24, 2025.
Mondays 6:00 pm – 7:30 pm.
St. Joseph's Retirement Comm.
Register call Chaplain Tom Manhart
402-372-6708.

St. Paul Lutheran Ministries

presents our community food drive. St Paul Lutheran church and school are joining together to collect non-perishable food and other items to share with members of the community in need.

Our Community Food Drive begins on November 3rd and continues through December 19th. We are asking for your donations to be dropped off at either the school or the church in the shopping cart.

Christmas Cards

You can now buy Christmas cards from Ladies Aid. They are available for purchase in the Narthex.



Welcome

We want to welcome Case Kenneth Batenhorst, son of Cody Batenhorst and Helena Borgelt to our church family as he begin his spiritual journey. May he grow in faith, love and joy, and always feel the loving presence of God and the support of his church family.

Lutherans For Life

Please join us for Lutherans for Life on Thursday November 20th at 1:30 pm at St. John's in Beemer. They meet every other month and are always looking for new members. Their goal is to have at least one member from every church in the circuit. If your church doesn't have a member, please consider coming. Even if someone from your church attends, they would love to have

more, and since life issues affect both men and women, they would love to have more men. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Pastor Belinsky at (402) 528-7278.

Lutheran High School Barn Light Acoustic 2025 Fundraiser

Friday November 21st 6:00-8:30 pm.
An evening of food, live music and fellowship under a delightful barn theme. Entertainment provided by The Everything Band.

It's That Time Of Year Again

"Joy To the World" Christmas program practice will be held every Monday and Wednesday during school and every Sunday in the school music room from 8:00-9:00 am for grades PK-8th. This is open to all students and children of the congregation. **Practice Dates are November 16, 23 and December 7.** Program and cookie walk will be on **December 14th at the Nielsen Center at 2:00 pm.**

Ladies Aid

will be putting together Cheer baskets for the shut-ins for Christmas on December 1st in the church basement. If you have some goodies or homemade cookies (individually wrapped) you'd like to provide that would be wonderful. Other item suggestions (pack of Kleenex, Chapstick, small lotion, puzzle books). Please place the items in the kitchen marked for cheer baskets. If you'd love to join us in putting them together or delivering them, please join us.

West Point Chamber of Coffee

will be held at St. Paul Lutheran Church, in the Narthex on December 5th at 10:00 am. Everyone is invited.



Children's Activity Bags

cloth bags are hanging on the hooks in the back of the church for children to use with coloring pages and other surprises. Please hang back up after use at the end of the service.

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



UPCOMING HOLIDAY WORSHIP SERVICES

- **Thanksgiving Day Service** – November 27th at 9:00 am with Holy Communion.
- **Advent Midweek Services** will begin on Wednesday, December 3rd at 7:00 pm.
- **(Suppers begin at 5:30 pm.)**
- **Christmas Eve Candlelight Service** with Holy Communion – 4:30 pm and 7:00 pm.
- **Christmas Day** with Holy Communion at 9:00 am.
- **New Year's Eve Service** with Holy Communion at 6:00 pm.



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 Thrivent.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

(Push wheelchairs, walk with walkers)

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

Email: jweiler@sjeswp.org

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.