

**ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
**WEST POINT, NE**  
**November 20, 2022**  
**Rev. John P. Gierke, Pastor**

**FROM THE ELDERS:**

November 17, 2022

**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).**

**St. Paul Lutheran** pictorial directory. Final dates for picture taking are Nov. 21 & 22. Sign up online at UCDIR.com. Church ID: NE 180, Password: photos., or call the church office to sign up now. Everyone whose pictures are taken will receive a free 8x10 photo and a free directory. You have an option to purchase more pictures, but there is no obligation.

**Applications** are still 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.

**New Member/Adult Confirmation Refresher Class** is Thursday evenings, 7 pm, in the church conference room. Anyone interested in joining St. Paul congregation, and anyone who would like a refresher on our Lutheran teaching is invited to attend. The conference room is located downstairs, across from the stage. Please use the south door. Please contact the church office or Pastor Gierke with any questions.

**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 Risen! Alleluia!**

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**

**Christmas Program Practice each Sunday morning  
for all children, ages 3 through 8<sup>th</sup> grade.**

**Children are dismissed from the 9 am worship service  
after the Children's Sermon or Creed to go to the  
church basement for practice.**

**Parents can pick up their children after the worship service**

**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.**

**St. Paul Radio Broadcast time change for Sunday, November 20, only.**

**Due to an 11:30 am sports broadcast,  
our radio broadcast will air at 10:30 am  
instead of 11:30 am.**

**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 by Marilyn Paasch  
in memory of Norman Paasch.

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instead of 11:30 am.**

**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**

November 20

*"Where It All Comes Together"*

Guest Speaker: Rev. Dr. John Nunes

We see division and discord all around us,  
but there is one place where it all comes together—  
the fullness of God in the person of Jesus Christ.  
(Colossians 1:19-20)

**The Lutheran Hour**

November 27

*"Freshly Fallen Snow"*

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler

Dr. Michael Zeigler talks about fresh snow,  
fresh starts, and three kinds of beauty.  
(Isaiah 2:1-5)

**The Lutheran Hour**

December 4

*"Paradise Restored"*

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler

If God is love, what are we to make of His wrath?  
(Isaiah 11:1-10)

**Sponsors are needed for The Lutheran Hour Broadcast.**

Sunday mornings on KTIC 107.9 and AM 840. Cost is \$40 per week.

Please contact the church office at 402-372-2111 to sponsor this Broadcast.

**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, November 20: 7:45 am – Choir Practice

9 am- Worship & Communion

Sunday School Christmas Program practice in the church basement following the Creed. For all children ages 3 to 8<sup>th</sup> grade, St. Paul and Public school students.

Parents can pick up their children after the worship service.

Adult Bible Class following worship.

Monday, November 21: 10 am - Worship service on West Point cable channel 11.

2-8:30 pm Pictorial pictures taken in the church basement.

Tuesday, November 22: 1:30 pm – Math Bee at St. Paul Arlington

2-8:30 pm Pictorial pictures taken in the church basement.

7 pm – Church Council

Wednesday, November 23: No School at St. Paul Lutheran

No Chapel

No 7/8 grade Confirmation

Thursday, November 24: 9 am -Thanksgiving Worship & Communion

Friday, November 25: Church Office Closed

Saturday, November 26: 6 pm – Worship

Sunday, November 27: 7:45 am – Choir Practice

9 am- Worship

Sunday School Christmas Program practice in the church basement following the Children's Sermon. For all children ages 3 to 8<sup>th</sup> grade, St. Paul and Public school students.

Parents can pick up their children after the worship service.

Adult Bible Class following worship.

## **Holiday Services 2022**

**Thanksgiving:** Nov. 24, 9 am, with communion

**Midweek Advent:** Wednesdays: Nov. 30, Dec. 7, Dec. 14: 7 pm

**Midweek:** Wednesday Dec. 21: Community & Fellowship Day: 3 pm, Make Christmas Cards; 5 pm, Potluck Soup Supper followed by Christmas Caroling

**Christmas Eve:** Saturday, Dec. 24: 4:30 pm and 7 pm. Both with communion

**Christmas Day:** Sunday, Dec. 25: 9 am, with communion

**New Year's Eve:** Saturday, Dec. 31: 6 pm, with communion

**New Year's Day:** Sunday, Jan. 1: 9 am, with communion

**Special Voter's Assembly:** Sunday, December 4, following our 9 am worship service. For the purpose of calling teachers.

**Children's Christmas Practice** for St. Paul Lutheran School and Sunday School students is Sundays, during our worship service. Children will be dismissed for the worship service after the Children's Sermon or Creed, to go to the church basement for practice. Parents can pick up their children at the end of the worship service.

**Advent Supper:** Wednesday, Nov. 30, 5-6:30 pm in the church basement. Serving soup, Chili Soup & Cinnamon buns. Proceeds benefit St. Paul Lutheran School.

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**Women's Thursday Evening Bible Study:** 6-8 pm in the church basement. Topic: "The Wonder of Advent" All women of the community are welcome.

**BEHOLD THE CHILD**  
St. Paul Lutheran Ministries  
present this year's  
Children's Christmas Program  
Sunday, December 11, 2022,  
4 pm, at The Nielsen Community Center,  
followed by the 31<sup>st</sup> annual Cookie Walk.

### **Pictorial Directory**

Final picture days for the pictorial directory are Monday Nov. 21 and Tues. Nov. 22. If you have not had your picture taken, you can sign up online or call the church office to schedule a time. Go to [www.ucdir.com](http://www.ucdir.com) and enter the user Name/Church ID: NE180. Password: photos. A free 8x10 will be given to each family or individual being photographed. There is no commitment to buy additional pictures but the opportunity is available.

**Sunday School Christmas Program practice** Sundays, in the church basement, for all children, ages 3 to 8<sup>th</sup> grade, public school and St. Paul Lutheran school students together. Children will be dismissed from our worship service after the Children's Sermon, to go to the church basement. The Christmas Program is Sunday, December 11, at the Nielsen Center, followed by our annual Cookie Walk.

**5<sup>th</sup> Grade Students** will lead chapel service this Wednesday, November 16, 8:10 am, here at St. Paul Lutheran Church. Everyone is invited to attend chapel services each week.

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**Cheer Boxes** will be assembled for shut-ins, Monday, Dec. 12. Donations of individually wrapped cookies and goodies to be included are requested from the congregation. Please have donations in the church kitchen by 9 am, Dec. 12. Monetary donations are also needed for the purchase of fruit, and can be given to the church office. Thank you for your support.

**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.



**Cookbooks for sale:** Help Support West Point Senior Center by purchasing a cookbook. Cost is \$15. Pick one up from the Senior Center, Mondays through Fridays, 8 am – 4 pm.

**St. Joseph Elder Services Table Blessings,** a cookbook of collected recipes, is available for sale in time for Christmas. The cost of the cookbook is \$20 and is available at St. Joseph Hillside Villa, 540 E. Washington St., West Point. (402-372-2118 ext. 500)

**The Nebraska District LCMS** is seeking a full-time treasurer to manage the business affairs of the district and assist the district president in caring for the financial matters of district congregations and workers. The Nebraska District Treasurer is an integral leader of the district and district ministries. The Treasurer is the primary guide for the District Board of Directors in helping them fulfill their fiduciary duties on behalf of the congregations of the district. The position requires both a firm accounting capacity and a kingdom perspective. We seek to be careful stewards of God’s gifts and work to make the greatest impact on our world with His grace, therefore the Treasurer is a person of faith and witness as we make every effort to build up our congregations and workers in their gospel ministries. This work includes assisting the district president in caring for the financial matters of district workers and congregations and their treasurers. As business manager for the district office and staff, the treasurer also helps care for those working deployed and in the office.

Learn more at <https://ndlcms.org/jobs/>

## STEWARDSHIP CORNER

**STEWARDSHIP MEANS THAT WE ROLL UP OUR SLEEVES AND HELP WHERE HELP IS NEEDED.**

“In everything I did, I showed you that by this kind of hard work we must help the weak, remembering the words the Lord Himself said, ‘It is more blessed to give than to receive’” (Acts 20:35).



**Salvation Army Bell Ringing:** It's time for our annual Salvation Army Bell Campaign. St. Paul Lutheran will ring bells, Friday, December 2, at Bomgaars and Dollar Fresh, and Saturday December 3, at Graybeal's and Pizza Ranch. Please consider giving of your time to help those less fortunate. Monies collected are used to help people in the West Point area and those traveling through who have run on hard times. Please call the church office at 402-372-2111 to sign up.

Thank you for your help.

### **Camp Luther**

2022 has been an excellent year for ministry at Camp Luther, near Schuyler, NE. However, due to unforeseen circumstances, higher costs, unexpected maintenance problems, broken water line, break in the well's control panel and the well itself, etc, Camp Luther is ending the year with a \$70,000 shortfall. If you can help, please send donations to Camp Luther, 1050 Road 4, Schuyler, NE 68661. By donating, together, we can ensure that Camp Luther is able to continue to share the Good News of Jesus through their various ministries. Feel free to contact their office at 402-352-5655 or [campluther@campluther.org](mailto:campluther@campluther.org) for any questions.

### **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!

**Franciscan Healthcare:** hosting a 2 hour, Christian based, GriefShare "Surviving the Holidays" workshop. The workshop is offered four times over the Holiday Season. Choose a date and time right for you: November 7, 6-8 pm; Nov. 10, 1-3 pm; Dec. 5, 6-8 pm; Dec. 12, 1-3 pm. Held at Franciscan Healthcare, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor, in the Clare Conference Room. Masks are currently required in the hospital. Please use the south parking lot and enter through the main entrance or 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).

**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.

## Christmas at Concordia Concerts

Dec. 2-4

St. John Lutheran Church, Seward

Friday, Dec. 2 at 7 p.m.

Saturday, Dec. 3 at 3 p.m., and 7 p.m.

Sunday, Dec. 4 at 3 p.m.

Christmas at Concordia is a cherished annual tradition of hymns, scripture readings and original music from Concordia students and faculty. More than 3,000 attendees travel from all over the country to attend the concert series, which features the A Cappella Choir, Symphonic Band, Male Chorus, Handbell Choir, Cantamus Women's Choir and University Brass Ensemble.

*Concert tickets will be available in person at Cattle Bank & Trust in Seward (104 S. 5th St.) on Oct. 30 at 1 p.m., and online at 3 p.m. CT*

**Need some Christmas gift ideas?** Plan to visit The Bridge's Annual Festival of Hope Online Silent Auction this year. Festive Holiday items will be on display at Abe Krasne's Home Furnishings downtown Fremont, starting, November 23.

You may place bids on all displayed items along with additional silent auction items through Sunday, December 4, 4pm. All proceeds raised will support direct services provided by The Bridge. All items will be available to browse & bid on at:

<https://qtogo.net/qlink/thebridge>

On behalf of The Bridge and those suffering from domestic violence and sexual assault thank you in advance for your generous support. The Bridge offers safe and confidential services to victims of domestic abuse and/or sexual assault and their families. The number for the 24-hour crisis line is 1-888-721-4240.

## **LCEF art contest to mark Synod's 175th**

Lutheran Church Extension Fund is celebrating the 175th anniversary of [The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod](#) and is encouraging students to join them by submitting a project to LCEF's art contest, "The Only Jesus," for the chance to win an LCEF gift card and have their submission displayed during the National Convention in July 2023. (Synod's anniversary theme "Only Jesus: No Other Name," is based on Acts 4:12.)



Any student who attends an LCMS school or is a member of an LCMS congregation is eligible to enter the contest. Submissions may be two-dimensional (e.g., drawing, painting, collage, graphic design, poster) or three-dimensional (e.g., pottery, leather, metal, beads, basketry) and will be accepted in three age categories: Kindergarten through fifth grade; Sixth through twelfth grade; and College (ages 18–22).

Details can be found at <https://lcef.org/artcontest/>. Entries can be submitted from September 6 through December 1.

**Needed:** a few individuals that would help clean the altar (dusting, cleaning communion ware and changing paraments) and putting flowers on the altar for services. This would be once a week for one month only during the year. To volunteer or for questions contact Joyce Suhr, Linda Meyer or Maren Reppert.

**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!