ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH
WEST POINT, NE
December 5, 2021

FROM THE ELDERS:
December 3, 2021

The call committee continues to work to find a Pastor for our congregation. Please keep the committee and the call process in your prayers.
Bible Study Opportunities:

Sunday morning Bible Class resumes January 9, 9:15 am.

Holiday Worship Schedule
Midweek Advent Services, 7 pm - Wednesdays, Dec. 8, 15, led by Justin Miller.
St. Paul Lutheran School Christmas Program and Cookie Walk is Sunday, Dec. 12, 2 pm at St. Paul Lutheran Church.
St. Paul Lutheran Church Children's Program is Saturday, Dec. 18, 6 pm.
Christmas Eve: Dec. 24 – 4:30 pm Worship and Communion
Christmas Day: Dec. 25 – 10:30 am Worship and Communion
New Year's Eve: Dec. 31-6 pm Worship and Communion
No Service New Year's Day.

Worship services are held Sunday mornings at 10:30 am. Holy Communion is the First and Third Sundays of the month**.** Services are on the projection screens only. Hymnals and Fellowship pads are in the pews. We ask that you sign the pad 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.
If you are uncomfortable worshiping in person, we welcome you to continue to view our services on our website, facebook, and the West Point cable channel 11 (Monday Mornings at 10 am).
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.

You are my God, and I will give thanks to you; you are my God; I will extol you. Psalm 118:28 (ESV)

God Bless you all,
St. Paul Board of Elders
Larry Abrahams, Mark Groth, DJ Weddle, David Hughes, Chris Schiller, Mark Johnson

This week at St. Paul Church:

Sunday, Dec. 5: 9 am – Sr. Choir Practice
9:15 am – Children's Christmas Practice
10:30 am – Worship & Communion
Monday, Dec. 6: 5 pm - 7/8 grade confirmation
7 pm – New Member Classes
Tuesday, Dec. 7:
Wednesday, Dec. 8: 8:10 am - Chapel
5 pm – 5/6 grade confirmation
7 pm – Midweek Advent Worship led by Justin Miller
Thursday, Dec. 9: 9 am - MOPS
Friday, Dec. 10: 8:15 am – St. Paul School Dress Rehearsal
Saturday, Dec. 11:
Sunday, Dec. 12: 9 am – Sr. Choir Practice
9:15 am – Children's Christmas Practice
10:30 am Worship & Communion
2 pm – St. Paul School Christmas Program, followed by the Cookie Walk

Thank You to All the Generous Donors
who contributed to the
Give Thanks* and *Give Back Food Shelf Challenge.
1060 items have been collected and delivery has begun
to Orphan Grain Train.
The food drive will be supplemented with a Generosity Multiplier Gift, courtesy of the Thrivent Member Network – Nebraska Region.
Thrivent will send a donation of $500.00 to Orphan Grain Train.

Services at St. Paul Lutheran Church
Sundays, 10:30 am.
Holy Communion is the First and Third Sundays of the month.

Our Sunday Service,
airs each week on Monday morning,
10 am, on cable channel 11.

Midweek Advent Services air Thursday 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 by the Ladies Missionary-Aid Society
of St. John's, Beemer.

This week's St. Paul Broadcast
is given in memory of Jeffrey Fox
by family and friends.

To Sponsor a Lutheran Hour or St. Paul radio broadcast
Please contact the church office at 402-372-2111.
Cost is $40 per 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.

"THE LUTHERAN HOUR"
December 5
"Because We Belong"
Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler
The world tells us we must be useful in order to belong,
but that's not how God sees us.
(Luke 1:5-25)

“THE LUTHERAN HOUR”
December 12
"When You're Expecting"
Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler
The season of Advent is about living in the middle of a story that is still unfolding, between what is already and what is yet to come.
(Luke 1:20-80)

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Pastor Schilling is available in the church office for appointments on Mondays, after 10:15 am. Please call the church office at 402-372-2111 or Pastor Schilling at 308-750-0290 to schedule an appointment.

St. Paul Lutheran School Christmas Program and Cookie Walk: Sunday, Dec. 12, 2 pm at St. Paul Lutheran Church.
St. Paul Lutheran Church Children’s Christmas Program is Saturday, Dec. 18, 6 pm.

Men’s Advent Breakfasts: Fridays, Dec. 3, 10, 17, 6:30 am at Grace Lutheran Church, West Point. All men invited.

Everyone is invited for Christmas Caroling, Sunday, December 19. Meet at St. Paul church at 3:00 pm. Refreshments will follow in the church basement.

Scholastic Book Fair at St. Paul Lutheran School: November 18-December 7. Stop by the school multi-purpose room, 7:45 –8 am or 3:30–4 pm to pick out books. Great Christmas Gifts! All purchases benefit our school.

Midweek Advent Services: Dec. 8 & 15, 7 pm, led by Justin Miller.

Poinsettias will be used to decorate the church at Christmas. Poinsettias from Flower & Gift Gallery are $16.50 which includes delivery. Please contact the church office to have your Poinsettia donated in honor of or memory of loved ones.

Christmas bags for shut ins will be assembled Monday, Dec 13, 9 am in the church social room. We welcome all the help we can get to put them together and deliver them. You can also help out by bringing individually wrapped cookies or small snack items to the church by Sunday, Dec 12. Please mark for shut ins since the school will be having the cookie walk that weekend.

Children’s Church will not be held the remainder of this year. Children’s Church will resume in January 2022.

Needed: Sponsors for the Sunday morning Lutheran Hour broadcast. Cost is $40 per broadcast. Please make checks to St. Paul Lutheran Church and specify Lutheran Hour broadcast in the memo line. Drop off or mail to St. Paul Church Office. Thank You.

St. Aloysius Breakfast: Sunday, Dec. 5, 1 am-12 noon, at GA Cafeteria. Serving Sausage, scrambled eggs, French toast, homemade rolls.

Live Nativity: Christ, Grace, Mt. Olive, and Our Savior in Norfolk are hosting a ***Drive Thru Live Nativity*** December 11, 10: 00 am -4:00 pm at Memorial Field Parking Lot, free and open to the public. The *Drive Thru Live Nativity* will include seven scenes from the Christmas story, music, Bible readings, actors, live animals, and giveaway gifts that go along with each scene to help families share the story in their cars and afterwards at home.

Needed: Part-time church custodian. Please contact Ron Krueger if interested. 402-380-1218.

Due to a shortage of available helpers, funeral lunches at this time are being catered. All food will be supplied by the caterer unless notified otherwise.

Sr. Choir practice: Sundays at 9:00 am in the church basement. All voices welcome!

Looking for a volunteer to help out in the church office. Several hours a week on Thursdays or Fridays. Please call Joyce in the church office if you would like to help.

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.

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Stewardship Corner
"For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith -- and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God -- not by works, so that no one can boast" (Ephesians 2:8-9).
Salvation is a gift of God; we neither deserve it nor can we earn it. God gave it out of love for us (John 3:16). Jesus came to be our Savior while we were still sinners (Romans 5:8). Because Christ first loved us, we will want to give of our time, talents, and treasures in love and thankfulness to Him to help build and strengthen the members of the household of faith and to share the message of salvation with the whole world.
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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 "*Simply Giving".* Thank You.

"SIMPLY GIVING": 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.
Thank You to those who have continued to support the church and school with offerings, and to those who have generously given extra during this time.

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.

E-MAIL BULLETIN AVAILABLE.

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

402-372-2111

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!

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.