

ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH
WEST POINT, NE

March 19, 2023

Rev. John P. Gierke, Pastor

FROM THE ELDERS:

March 17, 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, Dennis Mueller

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.

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 Roland and Anita Elsasser and Sandi Hicks,
by family members.

Our service is shown online on our website:

www.stpaulwp.org

SURVEY

Is there a young man in your congregation you would like to encourage to consider becoming a pastor? How about someone who would be a great Lutheran school teacher, deaconess or DCE? Jesus gives His church people who work full time in service to the Gospel. He told us to pray for such workers. Along with our prayers, the LCMS has begun *Set Apart to Serve(SAS)*, an intentional effort to encourage young people to consider church work as their career. Your opinion can help improve SAS. Please take a brief survey at lcms.org/set-apart-to-serve-survey and let us know how you think SAS can be beneficial to your congregation. Thank you.

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

March 19

"Bad Karma vs. Good Creator"

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler

When bad things happen, is it "bad karma"

or an opportunity for our Good Creator to be doing a greater work?

(John 9:3)

The Lutheran Hour

March 26

"Is God Missing in Action?"

Guest Speaker: Rev. Dr. John Nunes

Is God "missing in action?"

Not if we see things from God's eternal perspective.

(John 11)

The Lutheran Hour

April 2

"Hell: No One Has to Go There"

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler

Hell is a serious word, meant to be taken seriously.

However, hell doesn't have to be one's inevitable destination.

(Matthew 26:20-29)

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, March 19: 9 am- Worship & Communion
Bible Study following worship
6 pm – Resolving Everyday Conflict

Monday, March 20: 10 am- Sunday worship service on cable channel 11

Tuesday, March 21:

Wednesday, March 22: 8:10 am - Chapel
5 pm - 7/8th grade Confirmation
5:30 pm – Lenten meal
7 pm – Midweek Lenten Worship Service

Thursday, March 23: 9 am - MOPS
10 am – Lenten Service on cable channel 11
6 pm – Women’s Bible Study

Friday, March 24:

Saturday, March 25: 8:30 am-3:00 pm - LERT Training
6 pm – Worship

Sunday, March 26: 9 am- Worship
Bible Study following worship
6 pm – Resolving Everyday Conflict

Lenten Worship Schedule:

Midweek Lenten Services, March 1, 8, 15, 22 and 29, 7:00 pm.
Saturday, April 2, Confirmation students give essays. 6:00 pm.
Palm Sunday, April 3, Confirmation Service at 9:00 am, with Communion.
Maundy Thursday, April 6, 7:00 pm, with Communion.
Good Friday, April 7, 12:00 noon service, no communion.
Good Friday, April 7, 7 pm, no communion.
No Service Saturday, April 8.
Easter Sunday, 6:30 am and 9:00 am, both services with communion.

Resolving Everyday Conflict – Biblical Answers for a common problem.

Meets Sundays at 6 pm, beginning February 26. Everyone is encouraged to attend. Please sign up in back of church or call the church office if you will be attending so materials can be ordered. Childcare is provided. Please let us know if you will be needing childcare.

Grocery Receipts from Graybeal’s, dated Sept 1, 2022 through April 15, must be turned in to the school by April 20.

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

Easter Lilies will be used to decorate the church at Easter. If you would like to donate an Easter lily in memory or honor of loved ones, please contact the church office. Cost for lilies through Flower & Gift gallery is \$18.50, which includes delivery, or you may bring in a lily.

A memorial service was held Saturday, March 18, for Janice Woerner. Janice died March 4, at Beemer, NE. We remember this family in our prayers.

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

Many situations in life require mediators. Two parties at odds with each other can be brought together by one who is skilled in helping each one see things from the other's point of view. Christ was just such a mediator. Sin had separated us from God. A great chasm lay between us. The just and holy God could not tolerate sin and we helpless humans could not keep from it. Thanks be to God for giving His Son to bring about reconciliation between us and our Heavenly Father!

LENTEN MEALS: each Wednesday during Lent, served from 5:30 – 6:45 pm in the church basement. Midweek Lenten worship at 7 pm. Wednesday, March 22, Youth for Christ will serve soup.

Ecumenical men's Friday Lent breakfasts begin February 24 (and continue through March 31). 6:30 AM at Grace Lutheran. Breakfast and devotion provided. Donations are accepted for the Ministerial Association Scholarship fund.

THE CHOSEN! Season three, Coming in April. Sunday evenings at St. Paul Lutheran Church. Watch for more information coming soon.

F&M Bank Shred Day: Wednesday, April 26, 2023, 4-6 pm at Nielsen Community Center. Magazines, newspapers, cardboard and styrofoam not accepted. Will accept all tax documents, bank and credit card statements and anything with personal information.

Basic training for LERT (Lutheran Early Response Teams) will be held at **St. Paul Lutheran Church, 434 N. Lincoln Street, West Point, NE 68788 on March 25, 2023.** If interested in being certified to respond to disasters as the hands and feet of Jesus, go to www.lcms-lert.org, and sign up for LERT, and register for this training event. The cost of \$30 will cover training materials, lunch and snacks, and LERT T-shirt. Questions? Contact *Mick Onnen* at DisasterResponse@ndlcms.org. 402 364-3370.

Another similar training will be held at Grace Lutheran Church in Wayne on April 22nd. The web site above lists both opportunities.

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Mark Your Calendars: St. Paul Lutheran School Spring Musical "Are We There Yet?" Sunday, April 16, 2023, 2 pm, at the West Point Community Theatre. The Story of Moses and the Exodus.

Women's Thursday Evening Bible Study: 6-8 pm in the church basement. "Abide", by *Jen Wilkin*. 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.

LWML is collecting used eyeglasses. A basket is available in the back of church for donations.

Ladies are invited to an in-depth women's community Bible study *People of the Promise: Kingdom Divided?* We are starting to study the prophet, Isaiah. Women of all ages, denominations and Bible knowledge are welcome. There are 2 classes in West Point.: Wednesdays from 6:30pm-7:30pm and Thursday mornings at 9am at Trinity church. For more information contact Rhonda Ehrisman 402-380-6254 or Terri Vander Griend 402-380-2895. English & Spanish materials are available.

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.



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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.

Help support St. Paul Lutheran School through the following programs:

Best Choice® Save-A-Label™ Program: Participating is as easy as 1-2-3!

Shop at your grocer for BEST CHOICE products. There are more than 4,400 Best Choice® items at more than 3,000 stores. Brands include Best Choice®, Clearly by Best Choice®, and Best Choice® Superior Selections®.

Save the UPC portion only of the labels from those products. It is not necessary to send in the

whole label. To ensure it is a Best Choice product look for the words “Best Choice®” printed above the UPC symbol. Turn the UPC codes into the school office! We receive \$30 for every 1,000 labels we send in.

Box Top’s for Education: Cash can be earned for St. Paul School through the Box Tops for Education program, via the Box Tops App, by visiting online at www.boxtops4education.com or by clipping actual “Box Tops” from products and turning them into the school office. It’s as easy as 1, 2, and 3.

1) Purchase eligible Box Tops products.
2) Redeem your earnings by going to the Box Tops App or online, within 14 days from purchase, and scan or enter your receipts (both paper and digital receipts are eligible). There is a maximum of scanning 50 receipts per day per registered account. Also, you can cut the actual “Box Top” from the product and turn them into the school office. Please make sure the box tops have not expired.

We earn \$0.10 for each actual box top.

3) St. Paul earns cash rewards which are directly deposited into the school’s account. You can also earn BONUS cash rewards by redeeming 14-digit Bonus Box Top Codes OR participating in periodic bonus cash opportunities on both the App or online. Offers are updated all the time, so make sure to check back often!

Casey’s Rewards Program. Did you know that Casey’s has a Rewards program and that our school is participating in the Cash for Classrooms part of that reward program? You earn points on all your Casey’s purchases in-store, online, or at the pump. You can then turn those points into donations to St. Paul School.

You can join Casey’s Rewards by creating an account through the Casey’s app by downloading it from the App Store or on Google Play or online at Caseys.com. You then start earning points on your everyday purchases and turn those points into a donation to our school. To donate your points just find St. Paul Lutheran School in the rewards section of the program. It’s that easy!

All Casey’s donations go directly to our school. Funds are disbursed twice a year, in December and April, via a check to the school. There is No minimum amount required. We have already received funds from generous community donors.

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.

