

ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH
WEST POINT, NE

May 21, 2023

Rev. John P. Gierke, Pastor

FROM THE ELDERS:

May 19, 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. This full-time or part-time 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 Red Letter Challenge.

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!

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
and St. Paul Broadcast**

are given to the Glory of God.

Our service is shown online on our website:

www.stpaulwp.org

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.

Red Letter Challenge

Small Group Bible Study

Wednesdays, 6-7 pm in the church basement.

Led by Bill McAllister.

Feel free to bring something to drink and/or snack on.

Get your materials for \$20 (if this is a hardship for you, please let us know)

and take the 40 day challenge

to follow Jesus according to his own Words, found in red letters in many Bibles.

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

May 21

"Responses to Suffering"

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler

Why does God allow suffering?

The answer cannot be that God is indifferent or detached from our pain.

(1 Peter 4:12)

The Lutheran Hour

May 28

"A Timely Invitation"

Guest Speaker: Rev. Dr. Hector Hoppe

Jesus provides unlimited living water that refreshes us and is meant to be shared.

(John 7:37-39)

The Lutheran Hour

June 4

"It's All Good--Eve When It's Not"

Guest Speaker: Rev. Dr. John Nunes

The key to growing closer to others is by growing closer to God.

(Genesis 1)

St. Paul Lutheran School Summer Club: For students entering 3 year old preschool through 8th grade. Christian activities, Biblical story themes, School based curriculum, NE Extension Office Activities. Field trips to John a Stahl Library and the Park. We will drive or walk kids to and from summer activities, such as ball practice, summer day camp, etc.

Hours: Monday through Friday, 7:30 am-5:00 pm. Meals included Monday through Thursday. Friday, sack lunch needed. AM & PM snacks included.

Cost: \$50 non refundable registration fee, will be deducted from first week's payment.

1st child: \$160 per week, additional children: \$90 per week. Drop in rate: 1st child, \$40 per day, additional children \$90 per week.

Any Junior High or High School students interested in working at Summer Club please contact Jill at 402-380-6401

Summer club is looking for the following:

People to bring one healthy meal a week (M-Th) or even just one meal for the kids. Also people who have a hobby or talent that they would like to share with the kids. If you are interested please contact Jill at 402-380-6401

This week at St. Paul Lutheran Church:

Sunday, May 21: 9 am – Worship & Communion
Bible Study following Worship
7 pm – The Chosen – Season Three

Monday, May 22: 10 am- Sunday worship service on cable channel 11

Tuesday, May 23: 7 pm – Church Council

Wednesday, May 24: 6 pm – Red Letter Challenge Bible Study

Thursday, May 25: 6-8 pm Women’s Bible Study

Friday, May 26:

Saturday, May 27: 6 pm – Worship

Sunday, May 28: 9 am – Worship
Bible Study following worship
7 pm – The Chosen – Season Three

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THE CHOSEN! Season Three: Sunday evenings, 7 pm, at St. Paul Lutheran Church.

Rev. Gustavo and Ruth Maita, who serve the Lord in Puerto Rico, will join us here at St. Paul Lutheran Church, Saturday, June 3 and Sunday, June 4. Join us at our worship services, 6 pm and 9 am, and also at Sunday morning Bible Study, following our worship service, to hear about and support their ministry.

Red Cross Bloodmobile is requesting 20 dozen cookies for the Bloodmobile, Monday, June 4. Please sign the sheet in back of church if you can help. Thank You. Cookies should be brought to the church kitchen by 9 am, Monday, June 5.

VBS 2023 Registration: June 5-9, 2023 8:30-11:30 am. Bible stories, music, snacks, crafts and games. School age children up to 6th grade may participate and any older children are welcome to serve as volunteers. Registration Forms are available on the table in back of church.

Jesus Our Savior, Winnebago, NE: 25th Anniversary celebration: Sunday, June 11, 2023 at the Preschool. All are invited! 3-5 pm Activities, 5:30 pm Worship, 6 pm Meal.

Applications are being accepted for the position of Parish Coordinator.

This **full-time or part-time position** is open until filled. Applications are available from the church office or head Elder Larry Abrahams. Contact Larry Abrahams for any questions.

Women’s Thursday Evening Bible Study: 6-8 pm in the church basement. “Abide”, *by Jen Wilkin*. All women of the community are welcome.

Grace Lutheran & Trinity UMC/UCC invite you to join in an interesting, informative and challenging class! Beginning June 6 and concluding September 5 we will read through the Bible in 90 days. Yes, 90 days. That's 20 -40 minutes a day reading from Genesis through Revelation. Each week we will meet together at 6:30 Tuesday morning at Grace. There is a 20ish minute video; a Bible professor who gives an overview of the material and then we have a 20ish minute discussion. This is not a 'traditional' Bible study. The purpose of this class is to read through the entire Bible; not to study individual books or passages. Pr. Priscilla will facilitate the discussion and has done this 3 times before. Open to anyone interested in reading

the entire Bible. No cost but pre- registration is requested as there is a minimum of 6 required for the class to happen. Please call 402-372-2050 or email gracewpn@gmail.com to register.

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

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

When we give faithfully and generously, we demonstrate God's redeeming grace that is alive and well within us. Because of God's grace, we are empowered to give. Our giving is a spiritual response to God out of gratitude for all that He has done for us. Giving in response to God's love should be our primary motive for giving. Giving to meet our church's budget is important, but it should not be our primary reason for giving. Through the giving of our first and best to the Lord, we worship and honor Him.

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.



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 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.