

ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH
WEST POINT, NE
July 11, 2021

FROM THE ELDERS:

July 2, 2021

A special voter's assembly was held Sunday, June 20, following our worship service, for the purpose of calling a Pastor. Rev. Jason Hoerth was voted to be called to serve here at St. Paul. Please keep Pastor Hoerth and his congregation in your prayers as he considers this call.

Coffee and Fellowship will be held Sunday, July 11, in the church basement. Coffee and cookies will be served from 8:30-9:10 am.

Bible Class will begin at 9:15 am in the church sanctuary, led by Justin Miller. After bringing children to VBS at 8:30, parents are encouraged to join us here at the church for fellowship and Bible class, and our worship service at 10:30 am.

Our worship services are held Sunday mornings at 10:30 am. Holy Communion is the First and Third Sundays of the month.

As the Nebraska Governor has lifted all COVID restrictions, we also are removing our COVID recommendations. If you are uncomfortable worshipping 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). (Due to the July 4th holiday, our service this week will be shown on Wednesday morning at 10 am on cable channel 11.)

Services are on the projection screens only. Hymnals have been returned to the pews. Fellowship pads have been returned to 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.

Thank you to Peg McAllister for cleaning the pew pads. Nearly all of the pads have been cleaned and returned to the pews. *This was a very large task and we do ask that you refrain from bringing food or drink into the church sanctuary (with the exception of baby bottles or dry cereal snacks for young children.)*

We are celebrating St. Paul's 150th anniversary this year, in combination with Oktoberfest, Sunday, October 3, at the Nielsen Center. Volunteers are urgently needed to help plan this celebration. Please contact the church office or Larry Abrahams if you are willing to help.

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.

I will say to the LORD
"My refuge and my fortress, my God, in whom I trust."
Psalm 91:2 (ESV)

God Bless you all,

St. Paul Board of Elders

Larry Abrahams, Mark Groth, DJ Weddle, David Hughes, Chris Schiller, Mark Johnson

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.

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.**

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.

Our service is shown online on our website:

www.stpaulwp.org

**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 Duane & Ardith Schulz
in memory of loved ones.

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”

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"Inheritance as Intended"

Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler

An inheritance that's more than places, property, and possessions—
the inheritance God intended for His people.

(Ephesians 1)

“THE LUTHERAN HOUR”

July 18

"The Problem and Promise of Deathbed Conversion"

Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler

Is a last-minute conversion cause for joy or an insult to lifelong believers?
Dr. Michael Zeigler explores both the problem and the promise of deathbed conversions.

(Ephesians 2)

“THE LUTHERAN HOUR”

"The Peace Child"

Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler

A story about warring tribes and the peace which comes
only through the giving of a son.

(Ephesians 3)

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.

Sunday, June 20, St. Paul congregation voted to call Rev. Jason Hoerth as our pastor.
Please keep Pastor Hoerth and his congregation in your prayers as he considers this call.

Sunday, July 18, our Guest Pastor is Rev. Paul Flo, with Siouxland Hispanic Ministries.
Pastor Schilling will be on vacation.

Children's Church is held the second and fourth Sundays of the month. Following the
Apostle's Creed, children ages 3 through 6th grade are invited to the church basement for Bible
lessons and activities.

Officers and Board Members being installed today, for the upcoming year, are:

Chairman, Donavon Wascher; Vice Chairman, Bill McAllister; Secretary, Karen Soenksen;
Receiving Treasurer: Rachel Meiergerd; Disbursing Treasurer, Ron Krueger; Recording
Treasurer, Janet Hinkel; Board of Education, Jamie Kaup, Jenny Wuestewald, Keith Meiergerd,
Joshua Reimers, Alan Snodgrass and Layne Fischer; Board of Stewardship, Wayne Beck &
Austin Koehlmoos; Board of Trustees, Ron Kruger, Bert Paulsen, Mark Daberkow, Tim Martens
& Rodger Anderson; Board of Parish Education, Linda Krueger, Shay Miller, Kari Penrose.

Church Work Day: Saturday, July 17, 8 am until finished. Help is needed to remove grass from parking lots, edge sidewalks, and remove the sand and weeds from the bricks along the highway. Please plan to help.

Retirement Open House: Honoring Gus Wesche, Saturday, July 17, 2-5 pm at the Wesche home, 230 S. Maple. Everyone is invited to join the celebration of retirement after over 50 years in the newspaper business.

Celebration of Life for Ken Echtenkamp

Ken passed away April 16, 2020. Due to COVID-19, we were unable to have family & friends join us like our father would have wanted. His 97th birthday would have been July 17th. An open house in his honor is Sunday, July 18, 1-3 pm, at the Nielsen Center in West Point. Light lunch served. Come eat and visit in honor of Ken! Everyone is welcome. His children and grandchildren are looking forward to greeting you!

If you wish to give a memorial, you may donate to St. Paul Lutheran Church.

Pam, Butch & Doug

Needed: Men and women help with funeral lunches. Duties include calling or accepting calls (from those donating salads and desserts), making coffee, serving food, and clean up. Please contact the church office to have your name put on the list of volunteers. Thank You.

Youth for Christ: NEED 5 Youth Volunteers to help serve food July 17, 6-7:30 at the road rally. Please contact Paula Peatrowsky.

St. Paul Lutheran Summer Club:

Runs Monday through Friday, 7:30 am-6 pm, at St. Paul Lutheran School for ages 3 through 8th grade. Breakfast, Lunch and a snack are provided. To Help "Feed Our Lambs" call: Morgan 402-380-0097 Or Sallie 402-720-4297. Donate supplies to make a meal, buy the supplies to make a meal, cook and/or serve a meal, make a meal ahead of time and bring it to school. Whatever you can do will be greatly appreciated.

St. Paul Lutheran School Road Rally Fundraiser: Saturday, July 17. Bring your ride: ATV's, golf carts, Tractors, Pickups, anything with wheels! Register online at:

www.stpaulwp.org/fundraisers.

Donations are being accepted in the church office for the purchase of Village Pie Maker pies for the fair stand. Pies are \$10 each. Volunteers are needed to help bake the pies, beginning, Wed. August 11. To help, please contact the church office at 402-372-2111 or email stpaulwp@q.com. Homemade pies are also accepted during the fair.

Immanuel Mission Fest - You are invited to attend Immanuel, Beemer's Mission Fest service next week, July 11, at 10:30 a.m. Pastor Paul Flo, assoc. pastor of Hope Lutheran Church in South Sioux City, NE, will be preaching and presenting about Hispanic outreach. The service will take place outside Immanuel, weather permitting. You are also invited to stay for lunch and to hear Pastor Flo's mission presentation after lunch. Offerings collected will go half to Immanuel's mission budget and half to the Hispanic outreach at Hope Lutheran, South Sioux City. Immanuel is at 1101 K Rd., Beemer, NE.



Sign up sheets for working in the fairstand are on the table in back of church.

Giving a Cup of Cold Water

During Jesus' last three years on earth, He spent much time nourishing and teaching His disciples. Only when they were prepared to go out into the world to preach, teach, and heal did He send them. Leaving without provisions, the disciples were totally dependent upon those whom the Lord would send them for their support. The disciples relied upon the power of the Gospel to move the hearts of their listeners who would willingly provide for their needs. They were to travel light and trust in the Lord.

In Matthew 6:40-42 Jesus, referring to His disciples, said, *"He who receives you receives Me, and he who receives Me receives the One who sent Me. Anyone who receives a prophet because he is a prophet will receive a prophet's reward, and anyone who receives a righteous man because he is a righteous man will receive a righteous man's reward. And if anyone gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones because he is My disciple, I tell you the truth, he will certainly not lose his reward."* Jesus told His disciples that whoever gives to you is also giving to Him. Although support today doesn't fund the work of the 12 original disciples, we assist the spreading of the Gospel by supporting today's disciples and missionaries around the world. As we provide for church workers locally and abroad in the name of Jesus, we are serving the Lord Himself.

As we express our Christian faith through our giving and serving, God is pleased. God notices every act of compassion and kindness that we express. In the verse above, He refers to even the simple gesture of giving a cup of cold water to a thirsty person. Through our faith, we are empowered to do acts of service. When we act in response to the Lord and not for recognition, God will bless us. Having already been assured of salvation by God's grace through faith, blessings such as peace, contentment, patience, and hope are added rewards.

Only a small number of people make their living as full-time church workers, but we all are given the privilege and opportunity to be Christ's ambassadors. May God bless us all as we work to further His kingdom.

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!

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.

Grace, Norfolk now collecting items for Christmas boxes

“Dear Precious Child, you are receiving this gift because you are loved. You are loved by the person who prepared this box. More importantly, you are loved by Jesus.” Over the last two years we sent this note along with the 2259 Orphan Grain Train Christmas boxes we packed. The children around the world who received these boxes rarely receive any gifts. Some do not own anything other than the clothes on their back. Some do not know the Christmas story. Our goal this year is to share another 1500 gift boxes through Orphan Grain Train so even more children can hear the Christmas story. You can help us fill these boxes using monetary gifts or donations of clothes and toys. Each box contains a t-shirt, socks, underwear, coloring book, stickers, crayons, ball, toothbrush, stuffed animal, and toy. The boxes are for children ages 2 to 12. We are collecting new underwear, new socks, 24 count boxes of crayons, coloring books, pages of stickers, plastic and rubber balls, and toothbrushes in individual packages. Used items to be donated include t-shirts, stuffed animals, and toys including dolls, Barbies, blocks (Legos, Duplos, wooden), and children’s puzzles. Items and monetary donations (marked “Grace Lutheran Christmas Box Project”) can be sent to Grace Lutheran Church or Orphan Grain Train, Norfolk, NE. We are collecting donations through July 31st. If you have any questions or would like to help pack the boxes, contact Kelly Asbury at 402-371-3521. You can help these children know they are precious and that Jesus is the greatest gift of all!