

ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH
WEST POINT, NE

July 24, 2022

Rev. John P. Gierke, Pastor

FROM THE ELDERS:

July 22, 2022

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).

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 this summer in the church fellowship hall. Please check your calendar and sign up to join us one of these dates:

*Sat., July 23, after church,

*Wed. July 27, 6:30 pm,

*Sat., July 30, after church,

*Wed., Aug., 17, 6:30 pm,

*Sat., Aug 20, after church.

To sign up, call Larry Abrahams at 402-380-8928 or Ann Beckenhauer at 402-372-3070. Phone calls will also be made to issue invites throughout the summer. 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

Sermon Series for July: **Jonah - the Prophet that Didn't Get Away** We encourage you to bring your Bible (either book or phone app) with you to worship Saturdays and Sundays and follow along in the book of Jonah through this series.

Quarterly Voter's meeting is Sunday, July 31, following our worship service.

Services at St. Paul Lutheran Church:

Saturday, 6 pm

Sunday, 9 am

Holy Communion is the First and Third Sunday weekends 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

This week at St. Paul Lutheran Church:

Sunday, July 24: 9 am Worship

Bible Study following Worship

Monday, July 25: 10 am, Worship service on West Point cable channel 11.

Tuesday, July 26: 6 pm Fair Stand meeting

7 pm Church Council

Wednesday, July 27: 9 am – Rebekah Circle meets in church basement.

6:30 pm Meet and Greet with Pastor and Tonya Gierke

Thursday, July 28: 6-8 pm-Women’s Bible Study in church basement.

7 pm – Miriam Circle meets at the home of Linda Meyer.

Friday, July 29:

Saturday, July 30: 6 pm- Worship

Meet & Greet with Pastor John and Tonya following worship

Sunday, July 31: 9 am- Worship

Quarterly Voter’s Assembly following worship

St. Paul Annual Golf Scramble: August 21, 2022. 10:15 am Registration.

11 am Shotgun Start. Entry fee: \$200 per team/\$50 per player *cart rental extra

Includes lunch and supper. 18 holes, pin prizes, flight prizes.

Contact: *Monte Haase 402-380-1308 mjhaase@hotmail.com

Or *Rebecca Weborg 402-922-1393, stpaulgolfwp@gmail.com

**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.

"THE LUTHERAN HOUR"

July 24

"The Broth of Life"

Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler
Mortal life is a sieve, not a stock pot.
(Ecclesiastes 12:1)

"THE LUTHERAN HOUR"

July 31

"Hebel"

Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler
Dr. Michael Zeigler contrasts life's ephemeral nature with Christ's eternal hope.
(Ecclesiastes 12:8)

"THE LUTHERAN HOUR"

August 7

"These Are Not Our Kind of People"

Guest Speaker: Dr. Oswald Hoffmann
Prejudice says, "These are not our kind of people."
Charity says, "These are all people for whom Christ died."
(Matthew 5:43-48)

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.

Miriam Circle will meet at the home of Linda Meyer, July 28, 7 pm. Topic is from the Summer Quarterly "Hope Abounds".

Red Cross Bloodmobile is requesting 30 dozen cookies for the August 1 bloodmobile. If you can help supply cookies or finger-friendly bars, please sign the sheet at the back of church, or call the church office. Goodies must be in the church kitchen by 9 am Monday morning, August 1. You may bring goodies Saturday or Sunday, before worship services.

Thursday, July 28, Women's Bible Study: Special speaker: Becky Novacek. The group will meet in the church sanctuary from 6-8 pm.

Beginning August 4, Women's Bible Study will begin a new study: "Get Out of Your Head" by Jennie Allen. All women are welcome. If you would like to purchase a study guide ahead of time, they are available at Hobby Lobby and Amazon.

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

Quarterly Voter's Assembly: Sunday, July 31, immediately following our worship service. Please plan to attend.

From St. Paul Church History: 1952 - Walther League had first fair stand with 15-year-old Kay Schmidt as chairman; PTL later co-sponsored; full meals were served several years.

St. Paul Lutheran is preparing for our 70th Fair Stand.

Donations are being accepted in the church office for the purchase of Village Pie Maker pies for the fair stand. Please order and pay for pies through the church office. Pies are \$11 each. You can bring or send your payment for pies to the church office, or put your payment for pies in a separate envelope in the offering plate. We ask that you bake the pies you order if able.

Pies can be picked up from the church beginning Monday, August 8. Please bake pies Wednesday through Sunday and return them to the church kitchen. If you are unable to bake the pies you donate, they will be baked for you. Homemade pies are also welcome.

SIGN UP sheets for St. Paul Fair Stand are on the table in back of church or use signup genius, available by email.

St. Paul Church congregation members and School families are asked to work in the stand Friday and Sunday.

Youth for Christ will work Thursday and Saturday shifts.

Please sign up to work some time at the stand. If you can't do a whole shift, you are welcome to work a partial shift. Or more than one time if possible.

*Help is needed to fry hamburger Monday, August 8, beginning at 3 pm, in the church kitchen.

*Help is needed to cut pies beginning Thursday morning, in the church kitchen. (Also Friday, Saturday and Sunday mornings).

*Help is needed setting up the stand Tuesday and Wednesday evenings, August 9 and 10. This includes moving items from the school to the fair stand, and making sure everything is washed and ready to use.

*Will need men and trailers to move the large items in on Tuesday, and out again on Monday, August 15, after the fair.

*Volunteers are needed to help bake the Village Pie Maker pies for those who are unable to bake for themselves. Please call the church office if you can help bake.

Our annual fair stand is a large project. Help us make this food stand a success and enjoy the fellowship of working alongside our church and school family. This is the 100th year of the Cuming County Fair, and the 70th year of St. Paul Fair Stand.

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.



STEWARDSHIP CORNER

Be Careful of Greed

Jesus said, *“Watch out! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; a man’s life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions”* (Luke 12:15). In contrast to Jesus’ warning, the world tells us that greed is good. Our society makes every effort to entice us to live a materialistic lifestyle. Costly and manipulative advertising bombards us daily for the purpose of creating a desire for more and more things. We are told that we need one luxury after another. Only with the help of the Holy Spirit will we not fall prey to the pulls of the world. God calls us to be in the world but not of the world. As John wrote, *“Do not love the world or anything in the world”* (1 John 2:15). Through faith, we know that *“the world and its desires pass away, but the man who does the will of God lives forever”* (1 John 2:17).

Prayer: Lord, open my eyes to the sin and problem of greed. Help me, also, to stay away from debt and the problems that debt can cause. Change my heart so that I desire only You and merely use material goods as You will. Make me a God-pleasing steward. Through Christ I pray. Amen.



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.

St. Paul Summer Club: runs through August 5. Donations of fruits and vegetables are welcomed. Examples: Fruits (peaches, mandarin oranges, pears) and Vegetables (green beans, corn, baked beans). Questions? Contact Emily Muench at 308-380-4137.

Stepping On Workshop! At Sunshine Center, 140 West Bridge St., West Point, Tuesdays, 1 pm, August 2 – Sept. 6. Free workshop *To identify and remove or avoid fall hazards in your home and outside, *How vision, hearing, medication, and footwear affect your risk of falling, *Strength and balance exercises you can adapt to your individual level, *To get back on your feet the right way if you do fall. Sponsored by Elkhorn Logan Valley Public Health. To register go to <https://elvphd.org/Classes-Events> or jody@elvphd.org or call 402-529-3839. Class size is limited.

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.

Update on our Kenya Mission

Greetings from the Fraher family! (Son, daughter-in-law, and grandchildren of George and Carmen Fraher)

We just returned to the United States after serving at Mustard Seed House in Kenya. Our mission was to serve impoverished children and their families who travel long distances to receive life-saving medical care at Tenwek Hospital, and lay the groundwork to expand Mustard Seed House to serve even more children.

Our time volunteering at Mustard Seed House was incredible! This year, 138 children and 199 of their family members received accommodation and distinctly Christian care at Mustard Seed House. These guests often travel many hours for medical treatment and come from all over the country, representing over 80% of Kenya's regions.

Getting to know these children and parents, hearing their stories, praying with them, sharing the Gospel with them, encouraging them, and being able to support them in their time of need was by far our greatest blessing.

The needs are overwhelming. Our current 3-bedroom Mustard Seed House doesn't have enough space to keep up with demand. We spent much of our time laying the groundwork for a larger facility to serve more children. Imagine 12 families sharing 3 bedrooms, with still others sleeping on the couches and on mattresses spread in the hallway and kitchen. Imagine this completely full house, and still more families arriving. To make room for more, we launched a capital campaign and raised nearly \$100k toward our \$250k goal. Praise God!

We wanted to take a moment to thank you for your prayers. Over the course of 3 months, there were a couple of difficult moments. Having a community praying for us gave us the strength and encouragement to continue this important work despite the challenges. We also wanted to thank you for your financial support. We are incredibly grateful to the members of St. Paul for their support of Faith Aid for the past 10 years!

We wish we could take you all with us to Kenya to see the incredible life-saving impact your gifts are having! We thank you for your partnership and for helping us welcome the sick & suffering in Jesus' name.

If you are interested in hearing more about our trip, learning more, joining a mission trip, or volunteering, please reach out to jacob@faithaid.org or visit this site (<https://faithaid.org/room-for-more/>).

Only Together,
Jacob, Lauren, Miriam, Micah, Layla, and Lorelei

Salvation Army (Norfolk) is taking applications now for those in need of back to school assistance. Call 402-379-4663 for an appointment.

Each year an organization called the Continuum of Care or the CoC host a few drives, the last one was a winter drive for coats, boots, hats and gloves. This summer we are doing a back-to-school drive for school supplies! These drives help our local families that are in need of items that may not be in the budget. Our local CoC includes, Burt, Cuming and Thurston county. Drop off locations include: NENCAP - Pender, NE, West Point Courthouse - West Point, NE, Goldenrod Regional Housing Agency - Wisner, NE, Petal Pushers - Lyons, NE

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 "*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.

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.

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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!