

ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH

WEST POINT, NE

September 1, 2024

Rev. John P. Gierke, Pastor

FROM THE ELDERS:

August 30, 2024

We welcome Guest Pastor Timothy Gierke, and his wife Barb, this weekend, August 31 and September 1. Pastor Timothy is the uncle of our own Pastor John Gierke. Pastor John is on vacation this weekend.

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).**

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.

**Your name, O LORD, endures forever,
Your renown, O LORD, through all generations.
Psalm 135:13 (NIV)**

St. Paul Board of Elders
Larry Abrahams, Mark Groth, DJ Weddle, David Hughes,
Mark Johnson, Dennis Mueller, Justin Miller
Phone numbers for the Elders are posted on the bulletin board in the narthex.

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

Love One Another

As New Testament Christians, we live under grace in response to the love Jesus has shown us by His sacrifice for our sins. We are no longer bound by the legalism of the Law. Christ, because of His love for us, fulfilled the Law on our behalf (Romans 13:10). Through Him, we are enabled to be faithful to His command to love one another as He has loved us (John 13:34). Just as Jesus spared nothing as He demonstrated and continues to demonstrate His love for us, let us be generous and open-handed in showing love to all.

Prayer: Lord, grant me grace to remain in Your love and to proclaim Your unfailing love to all. Help others to see Your love through me. Lord, open my eyes to opportunities to help and serve others. Through Christ, the suffering Servant, I pray. Amen.

St. Paul church office currently is understaffed and has varying hours. Please call ahead before coming to the office. Please use the number for St. Paul Lutheran Church for any church business calls. 402-372-2111.

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 service is shown online on our website:

www.stpaulwp.org

Our Sunday Service,

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

**Due to Labor Day, our service this week airs
Wednesday morning at 10 am.**

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 sponsored by St. Paul Ladies Aid.

**Sponsors are needed for The Lutheran Hour Broadcast
and our St. Paul Broadcast.**

Cost is \$40.00 per broadcast.

Please contact the church office at 402-372-2111.

Daily Chapel

each morning at approximately 9:45 am on AM 840 and 11:50 am on FM 107.9.

Daily Chapel: Cost is \$81 a week. Donations of any amount are welcome for this program. Please make checks to "West Point circuit", marked "Daily Chapel," in the memo line, and send to Cleo Toelle at 127 E. Walnut St., West Point, 68788. Or you may drop off checks here at St. Paul church. Thank You.

The Lutheran Hour

September 1

"The One"

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler
The Universe does not have a plan for your life-
-but God does!
(Genesis 24:14)

The Lutheran Hour

September 8

"Conditioned by the Unconditional"

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler
God's forgiving love for you in Christ
is love that your accomplishments can't enhance
and your failures can't diminish.
(Genesis 25:23)

The Lutheran Hour

September 15

"Bent Necks and a Better Brother"

Lutheran Hour Speaker: [Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler](#)
The Book of Genesis is no fairy tale.
It depicts real people--people like us, with half-truths, crooked ways, and sore necks—
but also the God Who created us and bears with us because He loves us.
(Genesis 27:35-36)

This week at St. Paul Lutheran Church:

- Sunday, Sept. 1: 9 am – Worship & Communion
Bible Study “Nurturing Your Faith”, based on the Gospel of Mark,
in church basement after worship
10:30 am – “Growing in God’s Grace” for kids
in the church basement conference room
- Monday, Sept. 2: Labor Day - Church Office Closed/No School
- Tuesday, Sept 3:
- Wednesday, Sept. 4: 8:15 Chapel
10 am – Sunday Service on cable channel 11
6 pm Confirmation Parents and Students meeting
6:15 pm – Bell Choir
- Thursday, Sept. 5: 2 pm – Ladies Aid
6 pm – Women’s Bible Study
- Friday, Sept. 6:
- Saturday, Sept. 7: 6 pm - Worship
- Sunday, Sept. 8: 9 am – Worship
Bible Study “Nurturing Your Faith”, based on the Gospel of Mark,
in church basement after worship
10:30 am – “Growing in God’s Grace” for kids
in the church basement conference room



Growing in God's Grace:

Sundays, 10:30 am – 11:30 am.

All Kids Welcome to learn about Jesus, through Singing, Bible Stories, Prayer and Fun!

Join us in the church basement conference room.

All parents are invited to Adult Bible Class in the church basement during this time.

Blessed Christian Women's Event "God Can": Oct. 26 at 1C Church, Columbus, NE. Come hear four women share how their faith has guided them through life's challenges. Tickets are \$25 for general admission and \$55 for VIP. Costs increase Oct. 1. VIP tickets include lunch with the speakers and a swag bag. Sponsored by: The Farmer Took a Wife. Questions: blessed@thefarmertookawife.com. Doors open at 10:30am.

Confirmation Students and Parents meeting: Wednesday, Sept. 4, 6 pm, in the church basement. Please contact the church office if your student needs a Bible or Catechism.

Public School Confirmation class begins Wednesday, Sept. 11, 6 pm.

Borrowed from the church office: Keys to the church balcony on a blue key tag. Please check your pockets, and return these keys. Thank You.

Moms and grandmoms join in prayer: 8am Fridays, Trinity Lutheran Church in the Fellowship Hall. 1546 N Luther Rd. Fremont, NE

Lutheran High Fremont Coffee & Conversation: Everyone welcome.

8:30 am, Sept. 19, Oct. 17, Nov. 21. 105 E. 6th Street, Fremont, NE Questions: Dawn Cooksey (402)-990-9444 dcooksey@luhifremont.org

NEEDED: St. Paul Parish Coordinator: Immediate opening for full time or part time position in the church office. Please contact Larry Abrahams at 402-380-8928 if interested.

GROW Nebraska District Youth Gathering: Nov. 9-10 at Lincoln Middle/High School. Students entering 6-8 grades are invited. Registration includes Saturday dinner and snacks, speakers, t-shirt, talent show, and games. Hotel not included. \$105 per person if registered by Sept. 30. To register, contact Jenn Batenhorst at 402-380-4848.

LWML: Lutheran Women's Missionary League is collecting canceled stamps (those that have been mailed, antique stamps, etc.) This project is ongoing until the Convention in June 2025. LWML is also collecting the fronts of greeting cards until the middle of June. For questions contact Linda Meyer at 402-372-6415.

LWML is collecting jean pockets. They have received enough crocheted pockets.

Women's Thursday Evening Bible Study: 6-8 pm in the church basement. Topic: "Esther: It's Tough Being a Woman" All women of the community are welcome.

After church fellowship: Saturdays 7 pm in church basement.

Sundays 10 am in the back of church.

Grief Support West Point: The last Monday of each month, 5:30 – 6:30 pm at Franciscan Healthcare Assisi Conference Room, West Point. Short presentation followed by open discussion. Nobody is forced to talk if they do not want to talk. This is a time to learn about grief and mourning, and give and receive support from others. No registration required for these monthly sessions.

Children's Activity Bags: Cloth bags are hanging on the hooks in the back of the church for children to use that have coloring pages, small toys, a snack, crafts and other surprises. Please hang back up after use at the end of the service.

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.

Lutheran Hour Ministries

Daily Devotions from LHM will help strengthen and encourage your faith as you do the same for others. Have them delivered right to your inbox, podcast the audio devotional, access them on your mobile device through the FREE app, or listen with Spotify, iHeart Radio, Alexa, or Google Home. Seasonal Devotions for Advent and Lent are also available in both English and Spanish. Perfect for personal reflection or to share with family, friends and congregations, these seasonal meditations will help prepare you to celebrate the true meaning of these seasons.

Lutherans for Life: meets every other month on the third Thursday of the month at St. John's in Beemer at 1:30 p.m. in the basement. Gospel focused Bible Study about God's call to support life from conception to natural death. If you have any questions, please call Pastor Belinsky at (231) 383-3300 or e-mail him at pastormike01@gmail.com.

Missionary Support: To financially support Jana Inglehart (Dominican Republic) or Ruth Maita (pronounced My-tah) (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.

E-MAIL BULLETIN AVAILABLE.

If you have not received this, please call the church office and update your email address.
402-372-2111

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.

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.



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.

Volunteer Opportunities at St. Joseph Elder Services

Drivers to deliver Meals on Wheels (Approximately 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.)

Front Desk at the Retirement Community

(Presence, greet visitors, direct as needed [phone is answered by the staff])

Front Desk at the Villa

(Presence, answer the phone and direct calls, greet visitors.)

Join in and help with activities.

(Bingo, card games, etc. with groups or individuals)

Help transport to religious services or activities

(Push wheelchairs, walk with walkers)

Please contact Jane if you would like to volunteer or have any questions.

Email: jweiler@sjeswp.org

Phone: 402-372-1118 x519

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.

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. 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.

The actual "Box Top" from the product is no longer accepted

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. 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 more.

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.