

ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH
WEST POINT, NE
September 12, 2021

FROM THE ELDERS:

September 10, 2021

Sunday, August 29, St. Paul Voter's issued a call to Rev. Aaron Vergin to be our pastor. Please keep Pastor Vergin and his congregation in your prayers.

Bible Class is this Sunday, Sept. 12, 9:15 am in the church sanctuary, led by Justin Miller.

St. Paul's 150th anniversary celebration is Sunday October 3, at the Nielsen Center. This will take the place of Oktoberfest this year. Volunteers are needed to help with this celebration. Sign up sheets are on the table in back of church. Watch for additional updates in the bulletins and on Beacon messages.

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

Services are on the projection screens only. Hymnals and 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.

At this time, we have removed 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).

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 in memory of Marilyn Heller
by family & friends.

This week's St. Paul Broadcast

is given in memory of Gerhard Broekemeier
by friends and family.

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.

“THE LUTHERAN HOUR”

Sept. 12

"Who is my Neighbor?"

Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler

We can't build a more hopeful neighborhood
if we don't know who our neighbors are
and we go out of our way to avoid them.

(Luke 10:25-37)

“THE LUTHERAN HOUR”

September 19

"Scrapped Gifts"

Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler

God saves our scraps and regifts them with Easter possibility.

(James 1)

“THE LUTHERAN HOUR”

September 26

"Seek the Welfare of the Neighborhood"

Guest Speaker: Rev. Dr. Jason Broge

We can start to make the world a better place
by seeking the welfare of the neighborhoods
into which God has placed us.

(Jeremiah 29)

7th & 8th grade confirmation class for public school students begins Monday, Sept. 13, 5 pm, in the church basement, with Pastor Schilling.

Rally Day This Sunday! *St. Paul students, grades 4-8 singing. *Bibles distributed to new Pre/TK students and 3rd grade members from Public School. *Re-dedication of our teachers and staff at St. Paul Lutheran School. *Children's Church.

Baptized in our service this Sunday is Lexi Ann Koehlmoos, daughter of Austin and Heather Koehlmoos. We remember this little one in our prayers.

West Point Zone LWML Fall Rally is Monday, September 27 at St John Lutheran Church, Beemer. Registration at 4:30, Rally starting at 5:00 p.m. We will carpool from church at 4:30 pm. Pastor Flo will be the presenter.

Due to a shortage of available helpers, funeral lunches at this time are being catered. All food will be supplied by the caterer unless notified otherwise.

Sr. Choir is looking for additional members particularly for our 150th celebration.

Sr. Choir practice Sundays, at 9 am. All voices are welcome.

Anyone helping plan the 150th anniversary celebration is invited to meet Monday, Sept. 13, 7 pm, in the church basement.

Wisconsin-Style Fish Boil: Sunday, Sept. 26, 11 am-12:30 pm at St. John Pender, 2175 15th Rd. Free will donation. All Proceeds go to Orphan Grain Train.

St. Paul 150th Anniversary/Oktoberfest

Sunday, October 3 at the Nielsen Center.

Plans are underway to celebrate this milestone. A wonderful way to use the time, talents, and treasures the Lord has so richly blessed us all with.

How can you help? Coordinate desserts, make desserts, help compile a church history display, set up, clean up, serve food, and much more.

Live and silent auction items are being accepted, as well as monetary donations to help fund the event.

Contact Wayne Beck at 402-568-2652 for live auction donations. Contact Carol Lofgren at 402-380-8128 for silent auction and monetary donations.

September 15 deadline for auction items!!

Sign up sheets are in the back of church or call the church office, 402-372-2111.

This week at St. Paul Church:

Sunday, Sept. 12: 9 am: Choir Practice

9:15 am: Bible Study

10:30 am: Worship – Rally Day – Teacher rededication – Children’s Church

Monday, Sept. 13: 5 pm: 7/8 grade confirmation

7 pm: 150th anniversary planning meeting

Tuesday, Sept. 14:

Wednesday, Sept. 15: 8:05 am Chapel

5 pm – 5/6 grade confirmation

Thursday, Sept. 16:

Friday, Sept. 17:

Saturday, Sept 18:

Sunday, Sept. 19: 9 am: Choir Practice

9:15 am: Bible Study

10:30 am: Worship

Red Cross Bloodmobile: Monday, October 4, 12 pm-6 pm at the Nielsen Community Center. Appointments preferred but if there is an open time slot a walk in can fill that spot. All donors and volunteers must wear masks.

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.

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.

GOD CALLS US TO BE HIS WORKERS

In spite of our foolish and sinful ways, God calls us to be His workers. Scripture tells us that Jesus did not pick people from society's elite when He chose his workers. Jesus' disciples were peasants, fishermen, and even a tax collector. Paul wrote, "*Brothers, think of what you when you were called. Not many of you were wise by human standards; not many were influential; not many were of noble birth. But God chose the foolish things of the world to shame the wise; God chose the weak things of the world to shame the strong. He chose the lowly things of this world and the despised things . . .*" (1 Corinthians 1:26-28). The majority of God's work was done and continues to be done by the lowly and oppressed people.

Certainly, God can use celebrities and very successful people in His work. However, we need to remember that, even though we may not have accomplished anything of worldly significance, broken any records, or won any awards, God can use and transform us into effective workers in His kingdom. "*I can do everything through Him Who gives me strength*" (Philippians 4:13). Society gives many accolades to those who succeed, but there is no greater honor or privilege than to be chosen as God's vehicle to spread the Gospel. As John states in his Gospel, it is Jesus Who does the choosing. "*You did not choose Me, but I chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit*" (John 15:16).

So why does God elevate the foolish and the lowly to be His workers? A reason may be found in 1 Corinthians 1:29: "*so that no one may boast before Him.*" It is only by God's grace that we are saved, called, and equipped to be in His service. If we come into God's work with impressive credentials, we risk taking the glory and credit for ourselves. God desires the weak and the lowly. As Paul said, "*Therefore, I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses, so that Christ's power may rest on me. That is why, for Christ's sake, I delight in weaknesses, in insults, in hardships, in persecutions, in difficulties. For when I am weak, then I am strong*" (2 Corinthians 12:9-10). God uses ordinary people to do extra-ordinary things. Are you ready for duty?

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.

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.

E-MAIL BULLETIN AVAILABLE.

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

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.