

ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH

WEST POINT, NE

September 24, 2023

Rev. John P. Gierke, Pastor

FROM THE ELDERS:

September 22, 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).**

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.

Give Thanks to the Lord, for He is good; His love endures forever.

St. Paul Board of Elders

Larry Abrahams, Mark Groth, DJ Weddle, David Hughes,

Chris Schiller, Mark Johnson, Dennis Mueller

Phone numbers for the Elders are posted on the bulletin board in the narthex.

Guest Pastor this weekend, Sept. 23 & 24, is Rev. Matthew Heise, with Lutheran Heritage Foundation.

Lutheran Heritage Foundation: Can you imagine teaching your young child about Jesus Christ – without having any kind of Sunday school materials, or even a basic Bible storybook? This situation is a reality for many Lutheran churches around the world, but the Lutheran Heritage Foundation is helping to change that. LHF produces and prints translations of the Small Catechism and other teaching materials for various language-groups around the world. This Sunday, Rev. Matthew Heise, LHF's executive director, will preach at our worship service. He will also lead Bible Class following our worship service. Plan to join us during Bible class when Rev. Heise shares the exciting mission work LHF is doing worldwide.

Special Door Offering this weekend will go to Lutheran Heritage Foundation. Offering plates are on the table in back of church.

St. Paul church office currently 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.

Come Make a Joyful Noise! Choir practice is Sundays, 7:45 am, in the church basement. All voices welcome! (No choir practice this week, Sept. 24.)



Blood Drive: Monday, October 2, 12 – 6 pm at the Nielsen Community Center. To schedule at appointment, contact 1-800-RED-CROS or visit 222.redcrossblood.org and enter sponsor code: WestPoint.

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.

**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.

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.

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

September 24

"High Ground"

Lutheran Hour Speaker: [Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler](#)

When the waters rise and enemies attack,
the high ground is the place of safety and security.

But who will take us there?

(Psalm 27)

The Lutheran Hour

October 1

"The Way Through the Maze"

Guest Speaker: [Rev. Dr. Dean Nadasdy](#)

When life becomes a bewildering maze,
Jesus is our way through and our way out.

(Psalm 25:4-5)

The Lutheran Hour

October 8

"Whatever and Wherever, Thank You, Lord!"

Guest Speaker: Pastor Keith Haberstock

"The Lord is my Shepherd..." That's how the 23rd Psalm begins.

It goes on to describe the ways in which our Good Shepherd leads, comforts, and protects
the sheep of His flock. Every line gives us a reason to be thankful.

(Psalm 23)

This week at St. Paul Lutheran Church:

Sunday, Sept. 24: 7:45 am – No Choir practice

9 am – Worship & Communion

Guest Preacher: Rev. Matthew Heise, Lutheran Heritage Foundation

Bible Study following worship, Led by Rev. Matthew Heise

Monday, Sept. 25: 10 am – Sunday Service on cable channel 11

Tuesday, Sept 26: 10 am – Pastor's Winkel at Beemer

7 pm – Church Council

Wednesday, Sept. 27: 8:15 am – Chapel

6 pm - 7/8th grade confirmation

Thurs., Sept. 28: 9 am - MOPS

7 pm – Women's Bible study

Topic is "As for Me – Life through the Lens of the Psalms"

Friday, Sept. 29: 6 pm - Wedding rehearsal

Saturday, Sept. 30: 9 am – 7/8 grade Confirmation Family Activity at Mt. Hope Cemetery.

"What do you want as a Christian Witness on your tombstone?"

2 pm – Haase/Streeter Wedding

6 pm – Worship & Communion

Sunday, Oct. 1: 7:45 am – Choir practice

9 am – Worship & Communion

Bible Study following worship. Topic is "Nurturing Your Faith"



OKTOBERFEST: Sunday, October 8, at the Nielsen Community Center. Doors open at 8 am. Worship Service at 9:30 am. Special music by St. Paul School Children, and St Paul Sr. Choir. Meal begins at 11 am. Lunch tickets available at the door. Serving Pulled Pork & Brats/Kraut, German Potato Salad, Cheesy Hash Browns, BBQ Green Beans, and a variety of Desserts. Hot dogs and Mac & Cheese available for the kids.

Silent & Live Auctions. Get your Mums and Pumpkins here! Games & Prizes for the kids.

St. John's, Beemer, is looking for a part-time secretary. The position is about 18-20 hours per week, at \$15 an hour. Please call St. John's if interested. Church: 402-528-7278 or Pastor Belinsky: 231-383-3300.

Women's Thursday Evening Bible Study: 6-8 pm in the church basement. Topic is "*As for Me – Life through the Lens of the Psalms*" by Adrienne Camp. Materials may be purchased through Amazon. All women of the community are welcome.

Grief support meetings: for those experiencing the loss of a loved one. These groups are open to the community and free of charge.

West Point: October 2 – November 20, Monday nights from 5:30 – 7 pm at Franciscan Healthcare, 2nd floor in the Bonaventure Conference Room. Use the south parking lot and the after-hours door. For questions, contact Chaplain Tom Manhart at 402-372-6708.

Fremont: October 5, 12 & 19, 6:30 - 8:30 pm at Methodist Fremont Health, 450 E. 23rd St., Fremont Health Plaza, 3rd floor. Register by contacting Scott Jensen at 402-727-3663.

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.

LWML Fall Rally: 5 pm Sept. 25 at Zion St John. Carpool is at 4:30 from church in the south parking lot. A light supper will be provided. Check your bulletin box for a list of the in gathering items we will assemble that evening. A box will be in the back of church to put those items. If you have questions call Linda Meyer at 372-6415.

St. John's Beemer: is holding a bake sale Saturday, Oct. 14 from 11 am to 1 pm at the Beemer Legion Hall. A meal is being served, and baked goods, cards, knives and dishcloths will be for sale.

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.

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

Jim Elliot, who was a missionary and a martyr for his faith, gave us this profound statement: “He is no fool who gives what he cannot keep to gain what he cannot lose.” Through faith, we understand the truth in this statement. All of our worldly possessions will at some time be taken away from us. We will lose them during our lifetimes, or they will be taken away at death. They cannot be kept forever. However, we have the opportunity to use our material possessions in service to the Lord by giving to those in need and God’s Church. What we give through faith will provide spiritual dividends for us as well as for others. As Paul wrote, “[The gifts you sent] are a fragrant offering, an acceptable sacrifice, pleasing to God” (Philippians 4:18). In verse 17, he wrote, “Not that I am looking for a gift, but I am looking for what may be credited to your account.” What we do in Christ’s name for Him, we cannot lose.

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.

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.



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.

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.