

# News and Notes of Interest

**SUNDAY SCHOOL:** There will be no classes for the children or youth today.

**CHRISTMAS CAROLING:** Mark Your Calendar. We will be Christmas Caroling to shut-in members of St. Paul's on Sunday, December 11<sup>th</sup>. Meet at the church at 1:30. Following caroling (approximately 3:30pm) we will gather in the church basement for a time of socializing, while enjoying hot chocolate, hot apple cider and cookies.

**ADULT CHOIR:** Anyone wishing to sing in an adult choir for St. Paul's Lutheran Church are encouraged to attend rehearsals Thursdays at 7:00pm in the sanctuary.

**POINSETTIAS:** If you would like to furnish a Poinsettia for our chancel at Christmas, call Kelly in the church office at 228-1540. Cost per poinsettia is \$15.

**LYF mark your calendars!** Sunday, December 4<sup>th</sup>, we plan to worship at the UNL Lutheran Chapel, help with a service project, and serve lunch for those in attendance. We plan to meet in our church parking lot and leave by 8:15 am. We will worship at the traditional service at 9:30 am and begin the service project at 10:15 am. The service project will include baking cookies and delivering them to nursing homes, international students and a few other locations around Lincoln. We will serve lunch starting at 12:15 pm. Please bring a pan of bars or cookies to share as part of the meal. If you have any questions, please contact Carla or Steve.

**SECRETARY POSITION:** St. Paul's Lutheran School will need a new secretary beginning in January 2017. Necessary skills for the position include: knowledge of computer programs for word-processing and record-keeping, strong organizational skills, and the ability to use office equipment including copiers and fax machines. This is a part-time, paid position. For more information or to apply, please contact Mrs. Duever at (402) 223-3414, or drop by the school office in the mornings. Deadline to apply is December 31, 2016.

**STEWARDSHIP: Matthew 21:3** "If anyone says anything to you, you shall say, 'The Lord needs them,'

and he will send them at once.'" Just a colt and her foal. How significant could they be? Could they really be used by the Lord for some great, heavenly purpose? This is one facet of stewardship we often forget: the blessing it is *to us* to be of service in the Lord's kingdom. What honor the Lord bestows upon us by using our gifts for His goals!

**DORCAS BOUTIQUE:** The Boutique has cards for Christmas and Holiday table napkins. Stop on by to see their selections. The Boutique is open between services on Sundays.

**Pastor Irmer would like to greet** each person as you leave. Please wait for him as he greets those using the elevator and then allow him to reach the door before departing. **Please exit by general dismissal** and greet your neighbors as you leave.

**KIDS BULLETINS & BUSY BAGS** for your child to use and return are available in the Narthex (entryway) of the church. If you need assistance, please ask an usher or greeter.

**Hearing assistance devices** are available from the ushers to assist the hearing impaired.

**CHURCH WEBSITE:** Make sure you visit the church website from time to time at [www.stpaulbeatrice.org](http://www.stpaulbeatrice.org) to see what is new.

**DID YOU KNOW** ... that Individual (Private) Confession and Absolution is available upon request here at St. Paul's? If you have questions about this practice, read LSB 326 and look at the Rite in the hymnal (LSB 292). If you have questions, and/or desire Private Confession and Absolution, contact Pastor Irmer.

**LWML Christmas Tea:** (all women are encouraged to attend) Sunday, December 4, 2016, 1:30-3:30pm in the church basement. Bring: Tea Sandwiches or cookies to share. Ingathering: books, hats, and glove for children ages birth to 18 years' old will be held. These will be distributed to children in need around Gage County.

## Our November Finances

Current checkbook balance as of 11/22/16	\$4,781.96
Additional expenses due by 11/30/16	(\$31,813.60)
Scheduled contributions & Tuition on 12/1/16	\$ 4,624.25
Contributions needed	\$22,407.39



## First Sunday in Advent November 27, 2016

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**WELCOME TO St. Paul's Lutheran Church:** We are glad that you are here as we gather around the Word and Sacraments of our Lord Jesus Christ. If you have not already done so, we ask that you would sign the guest book at the entrance to the church. If you do not have a church home and are interested in the teachings of the Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod, or if you are interested in becoming a member here at St. Paul's, please contact Pastor Irmer, 402-228-1540.

**The Sacrament of the Altar** is the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in, with and under the bread and wine for us Christians to eat and drink, instituted by Christ Himself. As we receive the Lord's Supper together, witness is also given that we are united in the faith we confess (one in doctrine). Therefore, in faithfulness to our Lord, and in love for you, St. Paul's follows the Biblical and historic practice of closed communion.

**ALL GUESTS** must visit with our pastor before coming to the altar to receive the Lord's Supper. If you do not have opportunity to visit with our pastor prior to the service, he is more than willing to visit with you during the week.

**PRAYER OF THE CHURCH:** We pray for ...

- Judy Braun, Myra Denton, Dottie Jurgens, June Martin, Darlene Scheideler, Marvin Wiegand
- Continuing prayers: Lodeen Clausen, Dawn Crosier, Loren Daubendiek, Leonard Esch, and Ann Kelley.

Please call 402-228-1540 by Thursday if you have a petition to be included in the prayers.

### *In His Service*

Pastor: Rev. Douglas D. Irmer (Cell 402-239-0283)

Organist: Lester Miller

#### **8:00am Service**

Acolytes: Adam Riekenberg, Josiah Wallman, Kamree Weishahn

Elders: Eldean Adam, Craig Wallman

Greeters: Bob & Lorelie Ankersen

Ushers: Clair Duensing, Mike Duever, Arthur Morris, Jim Nelson, Doug Tegtmeier

#### **10:30am Service**

Acolytes: Noah Hagemeyer, Olivia Aden, Ellie Whitfield

Elders: Rod Aden, Cliff Kumm

Greeters: Dorothy Daubendiek, Louise Braun

Ushers: Dale Hagemeyer, Cliff Kumm, Brad Long, Steve Schmidt

**Today's radio broadcast** is sponsored in honor of Lloyd & Carolina VanLaningham 60<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary, by the VanLaningham's.

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## *Gifts Of Time And Treasure*

Attendance & Contributions Last Week		
8:00 AM Service	81	\$4,880.00
10:30 AM Service	59	\$1,977.00
Monday Night Service	27	\$1,232.78

**COINS FOR CHRIST:** All loose coins in Sunday offerings during the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter are designated to the Community Food Pantry. Total amount collected so far \$35.53.

## *The Lord's Week*

Today	8:00	Divine Service
	9:15	Adult Bible Class
		No Sunday School or Youth Bible Class
	10:30	Divine Service
Monday	7:00	Weekday Service of Holy Communion
Tuesday	12:00	Ladies Quilting
Wednesday	10:00	Advent Matins
	11:00	Advent Soup Luncheon
	2:30	Catechism Class
	5:30	Vespers Supper
	7:00	Advent Vespers
Thursday	12:00	Ladies Quilting
	7:00	Choir Practice
Sunday	8:00	Divine Service
	9:15	Sunday School/Youth/Adult Bible Class
	10:30	Divine Service
	1:30	LWML Christmas Tea

**Church office hours** are 8:30am-1:30pm, Monday thru Friday.

#### **Join Us....**

November 30	Midweek Advent Services
	10:00am Advent Matins
	11:00am Advent Soup Luncheon
	Serving "Vegetable Beef" Soup
	5:30pm Vespers Supper served by the Elders.
	Serving "Chili & Chicken Noodle Soup"
	7:00pm Advent Vespers

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▲ Please rise for last stanza and sing Amen