

News and Notes of Interest

THANK YOU to Joanna Gellermann-Long and Lester Miller for the flute and organ duet “Thanksgiving Prelude” during the services on November 27th.

THANK YOU to the members of the Adult Choir for singing “Lo, He Comes with Clouds Descending” during the 8:00am service this morning.

THANK YOU to Pastor Irmer for his prayers after my sister’s (Josie Bogenrief) passing. Thank you to the members of the congregation for their prayers, kind words, and cards. It means more than words can say. God Bless You All! Patty Clausen

CHRISTMAS CAROLING: Mark Your Calendar. We will be Christmas Caroling to shut-in members of St. Paul’s on Sunday, December 11th. 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.

MERCY MEALS: Mark your calendars: The date has been set for our next Mercy Meals packing event at St. Paul’s Lutheran School. We will be packing on Monday, January 9th, beginning at 9:00 a.m. If you are able to help with packaging and supervision of students, please let Mrs. Duever know at 402-223-3414, or e-mail her at aduever@stpaulbeatrice.org. We hope to pack 6,000 meals to feed starving families around the world!

2017 Contribution Envelopes are ready to be picked up in the church basement. Be sure not to use them until January 1, 2017 since numbers changed.

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.

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: Romans 15:5 “May the God of endurance and encouragement grant you to live in such harmony with one another, in accord with Christ Jesus.” All of our good works are indeed granted to us from our heavenly Father. We live in complete dependence upon His grace and mercy. What do we have that we have not received as a gift from His hand? And knowing that – how can we not be thankful?

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 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.



Second Sunday in Advent December 4, 2016

St. Paul’s Lutheran Church

The Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod
321 North 10th Street, Beatrice, NE 68310
402-228-1540

Rev. Douglas D. Irmer
pastor.irmer@gmail.com
www.stpaulbeatrice.org
stpaulbeatrice@gmail.com

St. Paul’s Lutheran School

930 Prairie Lane
402-223-3414
Mrs. Amy Duever, Principal
aduever@diodecom.net

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, Darlene Scheideler
 - Continuing prayers: Lodeen Clausen, Dawn Crosier, Loren Daubendiek, Leonard Esch, June Martin, 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: Vivian Zimmerman

8:00am Service

Acolytes: Aaron Meyer, Parker Tegtmeier, Sarah Scheer

Elders: David Doering, Norbert Meyer

Greeters: Thelma Loemker, Duane Delozier

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

10:30am Service

Acolytes: Joseph Wright, Ashton Sandman, Shelby Ankersen

Elders: Kevin Ankersen, Dennis Leners

Greeters: Wayne & Chris Schultz

Ushers: Wilferd Deke, Brian Hoops, Ron Meyer, Steven Sandman,
Vaugh Wright

Today's radio broadcast is sponsored in memory of loved ones, by Ruth Poppe.

Today's bulletin is sponsored in memory of loved ones, by Ruth Poppe.

The Lord's Week

Today	8:00	Divine Service
	9:15	Sunday School/Youth/Adult Bible Class
	10:30	Divine Service
	1:30	LWML Christmas Tea
Monday	7:00	Weekday Service of Holy Communion
Tuesday	12:00	Ladies Quilting
	1:30	Ladies Aid
	5:00	LWML Executive Board
	6:30	Board for Parish Education
	6:30	Social Club
Wednesday	10:00	Advent Matins
	11:00	Advent Soup Luncheon (Eunice & Naomi Circles) Serving "Cream of Potato Soup"
	2:30	Catechism Class
	5:30	Vespers Supper Served by the Board for Parish Education Serving "Spaghetti"
	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	Christmas Caroling

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

Quote from Martin Luther - Luke 21:25–36

“By ‘the world’ I also understand the adversaries of the Word and the sects. Here, therefore, it is taught in brief that one must cling to faith against these assaults. Consequently, he who has a true knowledge of God abides in Christ, and God abides in him. For that love of God is so great that we are able to have confidence in the Day of Judgment, on which the whole world will tremble.” Luther’s Works 30:301

✠ ORDER OF SERVICE ✠

Divine Service Setting One

Hymn..... **333**

Invocation..... 151

Confession & Absolution 151

SERVICE OF THE WORD

Introit.....(See Insert)

Kyrie..... 152

Salutation and Collect 156

Old Testament Reading ..(See Insert)

Adult Choir..... (8:00am)

Gradual (10:30am)(See Insert)

Epistle.....(See Insert)

Alleluia & Verse..... 156

Holy Gospel(See Insert)

Hymn of the Day **873**

Sermon

Nicene Creed..... 158

Prayer of the Church 159
Response “hear our prayer”

Offering & Offertory 159

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

Preface..... 160

Sanctus 161

Lord's Prayer..... 162

Words of Institution 162

Agnus Dei..... 163

Distribution **353, 624, 613**

Nunc Dimittis 165

Post-Communion Collect 166

Benediction 166

Hymn..... **515**