

# News and Notes of Interest

## **INSTALLATION OF NEWLY ELECTED**

**OFFICERS** will be held today at both the 8:00am & 10:30am service.

**POT LUCK:** Pot luck today at noon in the church basement. ALL members and guests are invited to come downstairs for lunch! Great food and fellowship with fellow members. If you forgot and don't have anything prepared, come anyway! There's plenty for all! Table service will be provided.

**CHURCH SERVICE:** We will be having a church service in the school gym at 10:30 AM on Sunday, February 26<sup>th</sup> in place of the 10:30am service at church. The students will sing at this service.

**NOTE DORCAS MEMBERS:** Our Jan. meeting will be held on Jan. 19 at the Good Samaritan Nursing Home. At 1:00 pm we will have a brief business meeting followed by socialization with residents. There will be no meeting the month of February.

**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 9<sup>th</sup>, 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](mailto:aduever@stpaulbeatrice.org). We hope to pack 6,000 meals to feed starving families around the world!

**RADIO & BULLETIN SPONSORSHIPS for 2017:** **Radio Broadcasts** are available for January 15, January 22, January 29, February 5 and February 26. **Bulletin Sponsorships** are available for January 15, February 5, February 26, and March 12. Other dates are available, but the most current dates are listed here. Radio sponsorships cost \$100 and bulletin sponsorships cost \$20. Please call Kelly in the church office if you are interested in sponsoring a date.

**2017 Contribution Envelopes** are ready to be picked up in the church narthex.

**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.

**STEWARDSHIP:** **Matthew 2:11** "And going into the house they saw the child with Mary his mother, and they fell down and worshiped him. Then, opening their treasures, they offered him gifts, gold and frankincense and myrrh." For the wise men and for us worship and offering gifts go together. How could this not be since our God is the great Giver of gifts? We receive His gifts in worship and then, being conformed to the likeness of His image, we imitate His generosity.

**DORCAS BOUTIQUE:** The Boutique has occasional cards and Bibles. 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.

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

**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.

**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.

**The LYF** is collecting items for the local Coat Pantry. This is a service to members of our community who are not fortunate enough to have items to get through the cold weather. A container is in narthex to drop off your coats, stocking caps, scarves, gloves, and mittens. The Pantry is especially in need of children's items. Thank you in advance for your generosity!!



## The Epiphany of Our Lord January 8, 2017

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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 ...

- Lacey Jurgens, Berniece Pfingsten, Delbert Rahe, Vanessa Smith
- Continuing prayers: Judy Braun, Lodeen Clausen, Dawn Crosier, 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: Carolyn Brott

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

Acolytes: Graham Southwick, Sarah Scheer, Brandon Scheer

Elders: David Doering, Mike Southwick

Greeters: Bob & Lorelie Ankersen

Ushers: Larry Huls, Steve Norton, Larry Weishahn, Lyndon Wiegand

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

Acolytes: Billy Kelley, Faith Kelley, Connor Kelley

Elders: Ron Buss, Rod Aden

Greeters: Wilferd Deke, Duane Delozier

Ushers: Sale Rickers, Dennis Wallman, Andrew Zimmerman

**Today's radio broadcast** is sponsored in loving memory of LaVerne Meyer, by Carla Meyer.

**Today's bulletin** is sponsored in honor of Duane Stroemer's Birthday, which is today, by Ruth Stroemer.

## *The Lord's Week*

Today	8:00	Divine Service - Installation of Newly Elected Officers
	9:15	Sunday School/Youth/Adult Bible Class
	10:30	Divine Service - Installation of Newly Elected Officers
	12:00	Church Pot-Luck Dinner
Monday	7:00	Weekday Service of Holy Communion
Tuesday	12:00	Ladies Quilting/Tying
	7:00	Church Council
Wednesday	1:30	Naomi Circle
	2:30	Catechism Class
Thursday	12:00	Ladies Quilting
	2:00	Lydia/Mary Circle
	7:00	Choir Practice
Friday	1:30	Eunice Circle
Sunday	8:00	Divine Service
	9:15	Sunday School/Youth/Adult Bible Class
	10:30	Divine Service
	1:30	Voter's Meeting

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

**Reformation Quote from Martin Luther - Matt. 2:1-12** "God wanted to point out (with reference to Genesis 50) that the dead in Christ have been anointed with myrrh. Christ is our myrrh, just as myrrh is also offered to him by the Magi, as Matt. 2:11 tells us. For if we believe in him, we are anointed with myrrh, so that we do not decay but are preserved for the future resurrection." Luther's Works 8:321

**VOTERS MEETING:** The next voters meeting will be held Sunday, January 15 at 1:30pm in the church basement. The Elders will recommend the voters seek Pastor Irmer's resignation in conjunction with a severance agreement. Discussion on this topic will take place during this meeting.

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▲ Please rise for last stanza and sing Amen

\*Please sing Amen after last stanza