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PARISH NEWSLETTER

**St. Paul's Lutheran Church
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SCHOOL NEWS

*“The Lord lives, and blessed be my rock, and exalted be the God of my salvation.”
Psalm 18:46*

The final day for the 2016-2017 school year was Friday, May 19th. The school year ended with a Chapel service led by Pastor Reek. We also enjoyed a wonderful school carnival that evening with a petting zoo, bounce house, games and fun for the whole school community. As we look back over this past school year, we are thankful for the many blessings which we have received from God and we praise Him for all He has done for us. We are especially thankful for all the work that has been done to make our Outdoor Classroom such an inviting space for learning and outdoor play.

We say thank you to parents, students, teachers, pastors, secretary, teachers' assistants, custodian, “Caring Grandparents,” and St. Paul's members for all their work and prayers throughout the school year. We are truly blessed with a dedicated group of people at St. Paul's and we say thank you for using your talents and resources for the Lord and our school.

Throughout the school year, the students brought weekly offerings to our Wednesday Chapel Services. We received \$2,274.94 through our Chapel Offerings. This money was sent to seven different local, national, and international charities and church related groups. We also collected 66 items for the local food pantry. Thank you parents for helping us teach the students about the meaning of stewardship as well as being caring and helpful to those in need.

Congratulations to the 2017 5th Grade graduates. Fifth Grade graduation was held on Sunday, May 14th during the 10:30 a.m. worship service. Our 2017 5th grade graduates were: Ty Dittbrenner, Andrew Duever, Olivia Eckert, Jackson Huls, Trevin Lang, Jordan Loomis, Natasha Martin, Hannah Mayer, Chase Meyer, Carly Meints, Brendan Moon, Cheyne Oates, Sofie Poole, Jacob Scholl, Paige Southwick, and Jordyn Vanschoiack.

Information concerning Registration Day for the 2017-2018 school year will be mailed in July. Registration Days will be held on August 2nd from 5:00-8:00 p.m. and August 3rd from 2:00-5:00 p.m. for students in Kindergarten-5th Grade. On August 10th, a Registration/Open House will be held for the Pre-School (age 3) from 4:00-7:30 p.m. On August 14th, a Registration/Open House will be held for Pre-Kindergarten (age 4) from 4:00-7:30 p.m. The first day of school for the 2017-2018 school year will be on Tuesday, August 15th from 8:30-11:45 a.m. for Kindergarten-5th Grade. The first Pre-Kindergarten classes will be Wednesday, August 16th at their regular times and the first Pre-School classes will be Thursday, August 17th at their regular times. Parents, watch your mail in mid-July for more information.

Vacation Bible School will be held at St. Paul's Lutheran School the week of July 17th-21st and Amy Loomis is the director.

In Christ,

Amy Duever
Principal



June at St. Paul's Lutheran School:

HAVE A SAFE AND HAPPY SUMMER!

Our St. Paul's students will be singing in church
on the following Sunday:
Watch for dates to be available in August.



Do you need a prayer?

If you would like a prayer for you at church, please call the church office by Thursday. Please do this once you know that you need prayers, especially if you will be having medical procedures and will be in the hospital. Please leave your name and number so they can return your call.

Another prayer option:

There are currently two Prayer Chains available here through our church.
Chain #1 contact person is Darlene Scheideler at 402-228-1909.
Chain #2 contact person is Mary Ann Stohs at 402-223-2287.
Contact either of these ladies or both to start the chain going for prayers.

They each have a list of ladies on their list that will call each other to spread the need for your prayer. When you call, give them your name and what you may need a prayer for, you may also just ask for prayers and not give the reason why, God will know what you need the prayer for.

If you would like to be a person on a Prayer Chain so that you may pray for those who need prayers, please contact Mary Ann Stohs at the number above. Men are welcomed as well to be a part of the Prayer chain.



SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

Classes will resume on August 20th.



Notes and Reminders...

Every Sunday

8:00am & 10:30am - Divine Services
9:00am - Coffee & Snacks served in the basement
9:15am - Adult & Youth Bible Class and Sunday School

Every Monday

7:00pm - Divine Service

Church Office: Office hours are 8:30am to 1:30pm, Monday thru Friday.

The office may be closed on occasion, so please call ahead.

Pastor Reek will be in the church office on Monday's from 2:30pm until after service and Wednesday's from 9:30-1:00pm. Anyone needing/wishing to visit personally with pastor, please contact the church office. Pastor Reek can also be reached at 402-476-2828 or at Dirk.Reek@cune.edu.

Vacation Bible School will be held July 17-21 from 8:30-11:00am at the school.

Thank You to the gracious people at the BSDC for preparing our monthly newsletters for mailing this month. We sincerely appreciate their volunteer work and a job well done.

Radio Broadcasts and Bulletin Sponsorships are available for 2017. Radio sponsorship cost \$100 and bulletin sponsorship cost \$20. Please call Kelly in the church office if you are interested in sponsoring a date.

Q & A about CHILD CARE CENTER: At the April Voter's Meeting the Board for Parish Education proposed having a Child Care Center and Before & After School Care at the school. Currently approval of this proposal was tabled, so members of the congregation could be given more information and can have the opportunity to ask questions. The congregation is invited to an informational meeting and ice cream social on Sunday, June 11 at 6:00pm in the church basement. The board will present more information and it will be an opportunity for the congregation to ask questions.

FATHER'S DAY CHURCH & POTLUCK: In an effort to expand our community outreach, our St. Paul's Lutheran Church family will host a Community Worship Service at Chautauqua Park Tabernacle on Father's Day, June 18 at 10:30am led by Pastor Reek. A potluck in the park will follow the service. Table service and drinks will be provided. St. Paul's members are asked to bring extra food so members of the community in attendance may be invited to stay. The 8:00am Divine Worship Service will be held at church.

June Birthdays & Anniversaries - 2017

Happy Birthday to...

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| 1 Todd Lineweber
June Martin | 8 Brooke Ankersen
Gavin Hahn
Adam Hopkins
Peggy Wallman | 20 Robert Janssen |
| 2 Hunter Hopkins
Jackson Huls
Leah Malchow
Alan Mentgen | 9 Jennifer Berry
Lynette Reinke
Marjorie Rogge
Joyce Swanson
Gina Yoder | 21 Larry Eckhoff
Rochelle Hirschler
Sherry Rogge
Abigail Stark
Amy Thomas |
| 3 Alexander Brown
Suzanne Munn
Heath Wester | 10 Kevin Petersen
Sarah Riekenberg
Claudine Schmidt | 22 Elaine Connelly
Austin Hinz
Lynn Riekenberg
Larry Weishahn |
| 4 Lodeen Clausen
Michael Johnson Sr.
Luke Kolm
Amanda Luehring
Seth Malchow
Wynn Reiman | 12 Beverly Duensing
Brian Hagemeyer
Audrey Lauterbach | 23 Teresa Hatzenbuehler
Caroline Heard
Amy Rademacher |
| 5 Jessica Leseberg
Julie Niedfeldt
Lowell Rahe | 13 Lisa VanWesten
14 Robert Henrichs
David Trout | 24 Mary Ann Ludders
Jeffrey Riekenberg |
| 6 Madison Brown
Brayton Rogge | 15 Winifred Ellis
Monte Lofing
Lois Podendorf | 25 Chloe Jurgens
Nicole Weishahn |
| 7 Judith Braun
Joseph Condon
Madeline Heard
Janet Hiner
Iris Hintz
Shane Stark
Lorraine Tilton | 16 Eyan Loseman
17 Duane Johnsen
18 Amanda Brand
Ashley Murray
19 Kimberly Rademacher | 26 Carlyn Koenig
28 Cecelia Grosse
Eric Jobman
29 Sarah Doyle
Andrew Zimmerman
30 Jason Duff
Benjamin Noojin
Carla Scott |

Happy Anniversary to...

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| 1 Michael & Amy Duever, 15 yrs. | 11 Lawrence & Melody Johnsen, 39 yrs. |
| 3 Alan & Candice Mentgen, 39 yrs. | 13 Dale & Rhonda Rickers, 36 yrs. |
| 4 David & Shelia Meyer, 34 yrs. | 15 Ron & Brandy Scheer, 21 yrs. |
| 6 Jarrod & Amanda Brand, 8 yrs. | 19 Kevin & Annette Kimmerling, 35 yrs. |
| 7 Tommy & Nancy Rudder, 31 yrs. | 21 Jeff & Danielle Berry, 9 yrs. |
| 8 Brain & Angie Fossler, 21 yrs.
Dennis & Constance Hartig, 55 yrs.
David & Rhonda Weise, 33 yrs. | 22 Steven & Julie Sandman, 26 yrs. |
| 9 Brian & Carla Walters, 33 yrs. | 24 Lonnie & Beverly Duensing, 45 yrs. |
| 10 Dale & Marilyn Adam, 39 yrs. | 26 Gale & Virlene VanLaningham, 62 yrs.
Larry & Teresa Workman, 35 yrs. |

If your information is missing or incorrect, please contact Kelly in the church office as work continues in order to keep our records up to date. We apologize for any errors.

*Visit our website for the latest updates at
stpaulbeatrice.org*



Upcoming LWML Events

LWML Sunday

Sunday, October 1, 2017

LWML Ladies will sing at both services

Watch the bulletin for more updates!

Fall Rally

Saturday, October 21, 2017

Host Site:

Zion Lutheran Church, Harbine, NE

Theme:

“Diamonds Shine in All Generations Through Our Service”

Joshua 24:15b

Presentation will be given by Angie Frerking.

Watch the bulletin for more updates!



Did You Know?

There is a purple & white “Mites for Missions” box on the table in the narthex for any loose donations you would like to give to support LWML local & national

Stewardship Article

One of the best known and beloved psalms is Psalm 23, the Shepherd Psalm. There we learn that the Lord is our shepherd. And since He is our shepherd, we will not want. We will not suffer want because the Lord, our shepherd, will lead us to green pastures and beside still waters. In other words, the Lord, our shepherd, will provide for all that we need in both body and soul.

Yet, we live as though this is not the case. We live as though we actually suffer from want, that the Lord, our shepherd, will not provide for all that we need. And thus, we live as though the Lord is not our shepherd. And that means that we live as though we are not the Lord's sheep.

How do we do this? We do it when we put anything else before Him and His provision for us. When we think that going to work is more important than receiving the gifts that He won for us on the cross, a violation of the First and Third Commandments. We do it when we fail to give generously of the first fruits of what the Lord has provided for us because we think we don't know what the future will bring, even though He has promised that He will lead us to green pastures and still waters. We do it when we think that the Lord is only in the business of helping those who will help themselves, we do this because we have a mind set on earthly, temporal things and not on heavenly, eternal things. We do this because we have stopped hearing the call of our shepherd, which comes through His Word.

The Word of God is how our shepherd calls us to himself. Through that Word, the Holy Spirit gathers and enlightens us with His gifts. Through that Word, we are kept holy and nourished in the one true faith, the faith that follows our Shepherd wherever He leads us. He promises to lead you to your true home, to the land flowing with milk and honey, to a better country, not of this world, but a heavenly one.

And so, here's the good news: The Lord is your shepherd still, even, and especially, for wayward sheep. For Jesus seeks and saves those who are lost. He finds the lost sheep and carries them back to the fold. He is the shepherd that lays down his life for His sheep. The Lord is your shepherd. Let us live then as His sheep.

BULLETINS RECEIVED

April 15
May 7

Arvid & Althea Wiest
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Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Lincoln, NE
Hope Lutheran Church, Shawnee, KS



With the beginning of this year's month of June, we will see the end of what is called the Festival Half of the Church year. That stretches from Advent and Christmas (the feast of God the Father), through Epiphany (a focus on Jesus' divine nature), into Lent (a focus on Jesus' human nature) with the culmination in Easter (the feast of God the Son). On June 4, we mark the third of the "persons" feasts with Pentecost, the feast of God the Holy Spirit. (One congregation I served here in Nebraska marked this as "Big Red Sunday!" Everyone wore their red Husker gear; and the service was a sea of red.) That color red marks the out-pouring of the "fire" of the Spirit that plants faith in us through the Gospel and uses that same Gospel to keep us in our faith in the Triune God. The color red symbolizes that passion ablaze in us as our values, our thinking, our behavior is brought into concert with our relationship with the Lord. It is the creating of a new heart and a new mind that is really what the Bible means by repentance. Pentecost is on June 4 this year.

The worship year then transitions with Trinity Sunday, June 11 this year. The focus of that Sunday not only summarizes all that our God is and has done, but also sets the stage for the long half of the Church year that stretches all the way on to Advent late this coming fall. The color will be green, the symbol of growth. In Trinity season, all the lessons and messages focus on our growth in and response to the love and mercy of our Lord.

We have had the great joy on April 23 and May 21 during Bible class time of beginning the introduction of understanding our lives together using the language of family systems theory. The turn-out for this has been very gratifying and, we pray, helpful and useful. That work will continue on June 4 and 11 and may stretch to June 18. We heartily encourage your attendance. We are trying also to record the presentations for those away for the weekend.

Later in June in adult Bible class, I will begin an in-depth study of St. Paul's letter to the Philippians. Much of the focus of this letter is on the joy of our faith and the community of living in faith and love. When we are done with Philippians, I will lead an in-depth study of St. Paul's letter to the Ephesians. No book in the New Testament carries better an understanding of our individual faith and life as it is experienced and expressed in the Christian Church.

June 4 also marks the beginning of our in-home small group meetings. Please sign up for and attend one of these! The ones already available are posted in the entry of the church on the bulletin board. I will be attend each and all of these and conduct them. I will be doing lots of listening as you tell the story of your congregation and your community. Once I have completed all those, I will draw together a picture of your congregation (linked especially to family systems thinking) that I will present in early September to you all. I know this is a challenge and may take you out of your comfort zone. It is, however, why you called me as an interim pastor. The very act of getting together and remembering and sharing engenders trust among you. I challenge you to do it out of love for your congregation and one another.

I want to take a moment to publicly and personally thank three people. The first is Kelly Mees in her masterful covering of all the details of your congregation. Working from a distance as I am would be impossible without her care and wisdom. The second is Amy Duever your principal. Folks, you have a gem of a leader in her and outstanding teaching in her colleagues at your school. Pray for them. The third is Pastor Tim Brisbois in his faithful and persistent assistance among your sick and shut-ins. You have a large group of these that would challenge even a full-time pastor let alone half-time as you have engaged me. He really operates behind the scenes but deserves very public thanks. These deserve your pats on the back.

Rev. Dr. J. Dirk Reek



We're continuing to update our church records!

The church office is continually working on keeping our records up to date. We are not deleting anyone from the roster, but rather wanting to gather current information on everyone. So, if you have moved, changed your home or cell phone number, children have gone to college or have moved out on their own, etc. please let the church office know. Information the church office collects is names, addresses, phone numbers, email addresses, birthdays, baptism dates, confirmation dates & verses, and wedding dates.

Do You Have Some Free Time?

St. Paul's is always looking for volunteers to serve on the various Boards, to help with the Turkey Supper in the fall, to help the Trustees with various cleanup activities throughout the year, to volunteer at Vacation Bible School in the summer, to help with funeral dinners, to teach Sunday School, or to help in some other way. Volunteers are such an important part of St. Paul's! Contact the church office or a board member if you can help!

Currently St. Paul's is looking for people who would like to serve in the areas of greeters and communion preparation. If you would be interested, please contact the church office.

