



St. Paul's Lutheran Church *Beatrice, Nebraska* *News and Notes of Interest*

Please notify the church office by November 1st if you have a loved one who departed this life in the past year and would like them remembered on All Saints Day.

What does it mean to be a Lutheran Christian? Several have asked, "So what do Lutherans believe about the Christian faith?" In order to help respond to that, a series of classes to introduce the Christian faith have begun. The next class will be Sunday, October 29 at 1:00pm in the fellowship hall. We will address specifically some of the key ways Lutherans have a specific slant on some questions. Pastor Reek is conducting this class.

500th Anniversary of the Reformation
Approaches: October 31, 1517 was the beginning of the public experience of what became the Lutheran/Protestant Reformation in Europe. That is the day Luther challenged for public debate just how we are to understand the forgiveness of sins for Christ's sake. What was to have been an academic matter among church leaders quickly burst into the open. This led to the lengthy and tension-filled process called the Reformation, one of the single most important events in the history of Europe and of the Christian Church.

Lots of events are marking this 500th anniversary. Here at St. Paul we're going to try to learn about and from that experience during October. We continue today and next Sunday during Bible class watching the film "Luther" starring Joseph Fiennes. We've divide this two-hour film into several weeks giving time for questions and observations.

SCIENCE FAIR JUDGES NEEDED: St. Paul's Lutheran School will be hosting their Science Fair on Sunday, Nov. 5th. Mrs. Duever is working on lining up judges for the science fair. If you have a science or education background, and would like to volunteer an hour of your Sunday afternoon to help with judging the student's science fair projects, please let me know Mrs. Duever

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RECOGNITION OF AN INDIVIDUAL:

Our church and school have numerous volunteers and leaders that contribute to our organizations. The Stewardship Committee is offering an opportunity to recognize these individuals. This recognition will come from each of you as you have the opportunity to nominate someone to be recognized. This recognition will be listed in the monthly newsletter. How do you nominate? There is a colorful box in the narthex with nomination forms beside it. Simply fill out the form and drop it in the box. This will be an ongoing project, and you are welcome to nominate numerous times. Thank you!!

DISASTER RELIEF DONATIONS will be accepted until the end of October. Make checks out to St. Paul's Lutheran Church and put disaster relief in the memo line.

WREATH ORDERS: The LYF will be taking orders for wreaths from Pinecrest Tree Farm during the month of October. The cost of the wreaths will be \$25. There is a signup sheet in the narthex or you may contact any LYF member who is selling them. They will be delivered the week before Thanksgiving. The money raised will help with expenses for youth attending the 2019 National Youth Gathering. If you have any questions you may contact Julie Sandman at 402-239-7644 or juliesandman@gmail.com. Thanks for your support.

LYF: Interested in what activities are coming up. Please make sure you check the Youth Bulletin Board in the narthex.

Hosts for Coffee Time between the 8 am worship and Bible Class are needed! Evangelism Committee will make the coffee, you provide the treats and helping hands to serve! Grab a friend and share your smiling faces and some goodies with your fellow Christians! A signup sheet is on the bulletin board in the basement. THANK YOU!

A Forum of Community Leaders will be held at St. Paul's on Sunday, November 5 from 1 – 3 p.m. and **YOU ARE URGED TO ATTEND!** We would like to have as many people of the congregation present as possible as ten community leaders have been invited to attend and discuss the following questions:

- What do you see as the greatest strengths of our community?
- What do you see as the biggest challenges in our community?
- How might our church or school partner with you to address those challenges?
- What unmet needs in our community that if addressed, would have the biggest impact?
- What situations do you encounter on a regular basis that could be helped with volunteer efforts?

The participants know that we cannot address all needs presented, but we felt that asking these questions is a starting point for

discussions in the next few months, as we seek to discern our vision and mission statement and our mission to the community. Pastor Richard Boring of the NELCMS District Office will also be in attendance. (Hosted by St. Paul's Evangelism Committee)



CHRISTMAS CARDS:

Dorcas Boutique has a new section of Christmas cards. Stop on by to see their selections. A box of 12 cards is \$5. The Boutique is open between services on Sundays or you may contact the church office during the week.

DVD's to check out! The Luther film on DVD shown during Bible Class is available for checkout through the church office. Also available for checkout is a DVD of Pastor Reek's first Intentional Interim Report on September 10.

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