



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

RECEIVING OF GIFTS: In recent months important gifts have been given for worship. This morning, we set them aside for the use of the Lord. Items that have been received are sound system in the basement, communion linen in the chapel, Hymn Prelude Library Books for the organists, and the pew cushions.

OCTOBER VOTER'S MEETING: The October Voter's Meeting has been rescheduled for today at 1:30pm in the church basement. Plan now to attend as there are many topics on the agenda for discussion as St. Paul's decides where she wants to be in the future.

Please notify the church office 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 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. During Bible class on October 8, 15, and 22, we are going to show the film "Luther" starring Joseph Fiennes. We'll divide this two-hour film 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 know at 402-223-3414 or aduever@stpaulbeatrice.org

TURKEY SUPPER: St. Paul's PTL Turkey Supper is October 28, 2017 from 5:00-7:30pm. It will be held at St. Paul's Lutheran School at 930 Prairie Lane in Beatrice. Tickets are \$12.00 for adults and \$6.00 for children 10 and under. Carry out and delivery service are available. Tickets can be purchased by contacting the school at 402-223-3414. If you are willing to donate pies or Jell-O salads, or your time on one of our committees, please contact Renae Reis at 402-310-1481. Donations can be made via the church or school, simply indicate "Turkey Supper" on your check.

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!!

TRUNK OR TREAT!! It's coming and you can be a part of it! Members of St. Paul's are invited to dig into your creative side and come have fun with little trick-or-treaters at St. Paul's Lutheran Church parking lot on Thursday, October 26. Beginning at 6 pm till 7:30pm we will have treats and games for kids. Decorate your trunk or pickup bed, make up some games, or just come watch and share the fun with all the little ones! (Costumes are optional, but Fun!) Last year we had about 300 kids attend and 14 decorated trunks/stations so we're looking forward to a fun time again this year. If you'd like to join in the festivities, contact Vicki Frerking for more details. There will be a donation box in the narthex at the church or at the school for candy donations. Monetary donations can be ear-marked on an envelope and put in the collection plate on Sundays. Sponsored by St. Paul's Lutheran Evangelism Committee and Thrivent Financial. Our Trunk or Treat event is a cooperative event with St. Joseph's Catholic School. We will each host our own event, but this is a way our parochial schools can give back to the Beatrice community children.

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.

REFORMATION 500 GERMAN

DINNER: Concordia University, Nebraska will hold a German Fest dinner at 5:00pm on Sunday, October 29, complete with entertainment. The menu includes German potato salad, beef roulades, chicken schnitzel, bratwurst with fresh sauerkraut, pretzel breads, cheese blintzes, and German chocolate cake! (kid-friendly options also available) The dinner follows the Reformation Worship Service at 3:30pm. Registration is on the CUNE website at www.reformation.cune.edu.

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.

Beatrice Community Blood Drive will be held at the Holiday Inn Express on Wednesday, October 25th 12:00pm-6:00pm and Thursday, October 26th 7:00am-1:00pm. To schedule an appointment, call Joann at 402-228-0260 or go online www.redcrossblood.org.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS: We need your listening ears and input! St. Paul's Evangelism Committee is working with the Nebraska District Office and Pastor Reek to update our vision and mission statement. The first step in this process is having a question and answer session with community leaders. We have invited about a dozen people from the community to join us and give us some insight to the needs of Beatrice. Please plan to join us on November 5th at 1:00pm in the church basement.

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

REFRESHMENT HOSTS: Evangelism Committee, in discussion with Pastor Reek, has determined that the focus of our committee should be examining and growing our church's mission and our community outreach. With this change of focus, congregation members now have an opportunity to share their hospitality with fellow members by hosting coffee time on Sunday mornings. The coffee, juice, cups, napkins and some kid's snacks are supplied and a committee member will be happy to 'show you the ropes' if you'd like to share your "serving smile" with the Sunday morning basement crowd! Just put your name by the date that works for you on the sheet on the bulletin board. All donations made during coffee hour until the end of the year will be used for the yearlong movie ad campaign or future church projects. Thank you in advance!

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.



CONGREGATIONAL MEETING: On September 10th Pastor Reek presented the first of his Intentional Interim Reports. If you were unable to attend and would like to view his presentation a DVD has been made. You may check out a DVD of the presentation from the church office. Only a limited number of DVD's have been made, so they will need to be returned to the church office so it can be made available to others.

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