



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

THANK YOU to the Joanna Gellerman-Long and Beverly Duensing for the flute and organ duet of "Thanksgiving Prelude" during communion this morning.

THANK YOU to everyone who has generously provided assistance in serving the recent funerals at St. Paul's. Your help is always greatly appreciated. We are always in need of persons to serve the day of a funeral and to provide food. Dorcas

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, November 12th 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.

YOU ARE INVITED: All congregation members are invited to attend the December 6th meeting of the Dorcas Society in the fellowship hall at 1:00pm. Special guest speaker, Dorothy Zimmerman, will share her experiences while representing the Rotary Club International as a health care worker in other countries. Dorothy is a former nurse and administrator at the Beatrice Community Hospital. The presentation will begin promptly at 1:00pm, followed by fellowship time. This should be an interesting and informative presentation. For further information contact Carline Mencl 402-223-5580 or Fritzie Ellis 402-228-1624.

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!!

RUNZA FUNDRAISER NIGHT: St. Paul's PTL will be hosting a fundraiser night at Runza Restaurant on Tuesday, December 5th, from 5:00-8:00pm. A portion of all sales will be donated to St. Paul's Lutheran School. Mark your calendars now and plan to eat out with your church and school family that evening!

November 21, 2017 the Homestead House Assisted Living will be having their annual food drive and bake sale from 1:00-5:00pm. A freewill offering soup supper will be from 5:00-7:00pm. If you plan to attend, you are asked to bring a food item for the food drive or bake sale.

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

Thank you to those who have volunteered to host coffee times following first service! We feel so blessed to have had such a wonderful response! Signup sheets are on the bulletin board by the kitchen window. Remember, coffee, cups and other supplies are provided, you just provide and serve the treats and coffee.

All donations made during coffee hour until the end of the year will be used for a technology upgrade to improve radio broadcasts and church outreach. A cost estimate isn't available just yet. Thank you in advance.

DVD's available to check out!

1. The Luther film on DVD shown during Bible Class in October.
2. A DVD of Pastor Reek's first Intentional Interim Report on September 10.
3. A DVD of the Community Forum held Nov 5.

All DVD's may be checked out through the church office.

MERCY MEALS PACKING EVENT:

Mercy Meals – Blue Rivers Area is again holding a meal packing event for those less fortunate on Monday, Nov. 27, and Tuesday, Nov. 28, at the Odell Community Building. Enough donations have been collected to purchase supplies for 60,000 meals, which will benefit the victims of the recent hurricanes and earthquakes.

Two-hour shifts are 2-4:00; 4-6:00; and 6-8:00 p.m. both days. Volunteer labor and volunteer donations are needed to keep this vital ministry going. Contact Gwen or Deb at State Bank of Odell, 402-766-3720; or by cell, 402-520-1795 (Deb); or Gwen (402-806-2174). Donations can be mailed to P.O. Box 185, Odell, NE 68415. Make checks payable to Mercy Meals Blue Rivers Area.

Mercy Meals – Blue Rivers Area is a nonprofit organization that allows volunteers to package nourishing food that will be delivered by Orphan Grain Train to children in need throughout the world. For background information on this organization, contact Pastor Greg Stuckwisch, Our Savior-Odell, 402-230-0698; or visit the site's Facebook page.

CHRISTMAS CAROLING: Come one, come all!!! The LYF and their families welcome congregational members to join them as they share the love of Christ by Christmas Caroling on December 10th. We will meet at the church at 1:30pm. Youth bring your friends!!! Afterwards, we will join together in the church basement for a time of fellowship. Everyone is encouraged to bring a

treat to share. There will be hot chocolate to warm up!



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.

Theme:
Angels Among Us!



Hebrews 13:2

LWML Christmas Tea:

All ladies are invited to attend the LWML Christmas Tea on Sunday, December 3rd 1:30-3:30pm in the church basement. Come enjoy an afternoon of singing, games, and devotions. We will be making angels to give to the shut-ins for Christmas. Bring a friend and a tea sandwich or cookies to share.

TIME TO DECORATE: The Board for Parish Education will be decorating the church for the Christmas season on Monday, November 27 at 7:45pm (after church). They are looking for volunteers who would be willing to lend a helping hand. If you are willing to help decorate the church for Christmas, please plan to come.



POINSETTIA:

If you would like to furnish a Poinsettia for our chancel at Christmas, complete an order form located in the narthex and return to the church office or in the offering plate by Sunday, December 10. Cost per poinsettia is \$16.

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