



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

BAPTISM: Rory Chase Zutavern, son of Rory & Chelsea Zutavern will be baptized in our 10:30am service today. His sponsors are Adam Zutavern and Eric & Kelcey Buck.

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 today 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!

LIGHTED CHRISTMAS PARADE: St. Paul's will have a float entry in the Lighted Parade – Christmas through the Decades on December 2nd. Parade is at 5:30pm on 5th Street. Children who wish to walk alongside the float are welcome to join us. If you have a battery-operated candlestick, please bring that to carry. We will provide halos for them to wear. There will be a limited amount of space on the float for younger children to sit and

ride. We will assemble for the parade at 5 p.m., at Country Cookin Café. Please let Mrs. Duever know if you plan to join us!

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

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.

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.

SCRIP CARDS: Giving Gift Cards for Christmas this year? Order your gift cards through our St. Paul's Lutheran School "Scrip Card" program and our school automatically get money in return at no extra cost to you! Order forms are located in the narthex, church office, school office, and on the school's website. Orders will be placed November 27th and December 11th. Order forms can be turned in to the church or school office.

AMAZON SMILE: Doing any online shopping? Log on to smile.amazon.com and set St. Paul's Lutheran Church as your organization, and a portion of the sales will be donated to St. Paul's. This is a free, easy way to support our school.

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 PROGRAM PRACTICE:

Saturday, December 16th at St. Paul's Lutheran Church is the only Saturday practice scheduled. It is very important for all children who will be participating in the program to be at this rehearsal. Please make every effort to have your child at church on time for the rehearsal and to pick up your child at the time rehearsal will be over. Rehearsal times are: **Grades 1-5:** 3:00 p.m. Program-Practice from 8:30-10:00 a.m. **Pre-School, Pre-Kindergarten, & Kindergarten:** Both 3:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m. Programs-Practice from 10:00-10:30 a.m. **Grades 1-5:** 5:00 p.m. Program-Practice from 10:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m. **Grades 6-8:** You will be contacted as to what time you will need to be at practice.

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.

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.



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.

Theme:
Angels Among Us!



Hebrews 13:2

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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