



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

**WELCOME NEW MEMBERS:**

During our services this weekend we welcome Christine Boone, Douglas Boone, Marlene Gakle, Marjorie Huls, Kent Knabe, Rod Minzel, Ronda Minzel, Shana Ruskamp & children Tryston, Taylor, Isabella, and Travis, Helen Wright & children David, Sean, and Tyler into membership of St. Paul's.

**ST. PAUL'S LADIES AID -now-ST.**

**PAUL'S QUILTERS:** As of December 31, 2017, the five members and one honorary member decided to dispense with the Ladies Aid and change it to St. Paul's Quilters. There were several members of the quilters that were not Ladies Aid members so therefore we decided to change the Aid to Quilters. The Quilters would like to have more people join them to help quilt, so if you have an interest please join them on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons, beginning at noon, in the fellowship hall to enjoy the fellowship with them. Anyone who might want a quilt quilted, call Fritzie Ellis, 402-228-1624, or Lee Ann Genrich, 402-228-1357. Looking forward to increasing our number of quilters.

**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!!

**BUSY BAGS & CHILDREN'S**

**BULLETINS** 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.

**THANK YOU** for all your prayers, calls, visits, cards, and concerns during my recent hospitalization. Thank you to Pastor Reek, for your loving care and visits. Elda Riekenberg

**THANK YOU** for sharing the love of Christ by supporting those in need from disaster. We received \$2,962 in donations, which were matched by Thrivent. Thank you! Stewardship Committee

**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.

**Beatrice Community Blood Drive** will be held at the Holiday Inn Express on Thursday, December 28<sup>th</sup> 7:00am-6:00pm. To schedule an appointment, call Joann at 402-228-0260 or go online [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org).

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

**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 on December 11<sup>th</sup>. 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.

**CHRISTMAS PROGRAM PRACTICE:** Saturday, December 16<sup>th</sup> 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.

**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 10<sup>th</sup>. 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.



**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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