



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

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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.

INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS:

Installation of everyone serving as an elected officer will be on Sunday, January 21st at the 10:30am service. Please plan now to attend this service. This includes the chairman, vice-chairman, secretary, and treasurer of the congregation, along with those serving on the Boards of Elders, Trustees, Parish Education, Stewardship and Evangelism.

2018 Contribution Envelopes are ready and can be picked up in the church basement. Be sure not to use them until January 1, 2018, since numbers may have changed.

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 all who shared the joy of Christmas with the shut-ins with the gift of song last Sunday!

THANK YOU to the LYF and members of the congregation who came Christmas Caroling on Sunday, December 10. I enjoyed the singing and cookies very much. Merry Christmas. Norma Lohse

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.

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

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED! To transport Veterans to medical appointments at the Lincoln and Omaha VA Medical Facilities via the Beatrice V.A. Van. Van runs Monday-Friday, as needed. Drivers are scheduled according to their availability. Please contact the Gage County Veterans' Service Office for more information: 402-223-1342.

LYF: Wednesday, December 20, project planning meeting for youth and parents for youth attending National Youth Gathering July 11-15, 2019 in Minneapolis after Advent service, approximately 8:00.

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

NEWSLETTER – Information to be included in the January 2018 newsletter needs to be submitted to the church office by Wednesday, December 20th.

ST. PAUL'S CHILD CARE: An informational meeting will be held Sunday, January 14th at 1:30pm at the school. At this meeting the Board for Parish Education will provide more detailed information on their process towards the opening of the Child Care in August 2018.

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.



BIRTHDAY PARTY:

Come celebrate Christmas at "Jesus Birthday Party" on December 24th at 9:15am in the church basement.

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. Cost per poinsettia is \$16. There are four poinsettias available to be purchased yet.



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