



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

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!!

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.

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.

GUEST PREACHER THIS MORNING:

Rev. Kenneth N. Hessel is a Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod minister for 30 years and is Chaplain at the Good Samaritan Society-Millard. He moved from Long Island NY after spending 19 years there. He has served congregations in Schleswig, IA; Omaha, NE; Huntsville, TX; and Old Westbury, NY. He has served as a firefighter, EMT and chaplain for the Westbury Fire Department, served as the Chief Chaplain of the New York State Association of Fire Chaplains, Inc. from 2014-2016, the chairperson of the New York State Fire Council from 2009-2011 and served on the Omaha Handicap Parking Patrol from 1994-1995. Pastor Ken, originally from Derby, NY, took his CPE units at Eger Lutheran Nursing Home in Staten Island, NY and Bellevue Hospital, New York, NY. He and his wife Theresa have been married for 29 years and have two children Kaellen and Erik.

As chaplain to the Westbury Fire Department, he and his department were activated to assist the Fire Department of New York (FDNY) on September 11, 2011 with Search and Rescue and Recovery efforts at the World Trade Center in New York City. He spent 2 days working on the pile at Ground Zero and then assisted at the Family Assistance Center (FAC) over the course of the next 6 months. In addition to his fire department service, Ken worked with members of his congregation and community assisting them in dealing with the disaster.

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

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.

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 to Rev. Ken Hessel for being with us and preaching today and to Rev. Tim Brisbois for leading and preaching for our New Year's Eve service this evening at 5pm.

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.

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.

CALL COMMITTEE: The call committee has recently started the process of calling a new pastor. We are being given guidance from Pastor Beyer and President Snow in this process. One of the first steps is gathering information from our congregation in the form of a self-study. It is very important that we receive as much feedback from our members as possible so that we can choose a pastor that fits our congregational needs the best. We have included the self-study form provided by the district in the January newsletter (pages 6-10). Forms will also be available after church in the narthex, at the voter's meeting, or online on Facebook via SurveyMonkey. We are asking that all forms be completed and put in the box in the narthex by January 25th so that our committee can begin the task of compiling the information. It is of utmost importance that we get as many of these forms back as possible. There are two pages to fill out and an accompanying definition list. We ask that you follow the definitions given, so that answers are as accurate and as objective as possible. If you have any questions or need clarification, please contact any member of the call committee. Thank you for your time and input as we go through the process of selecting our next pastor. Members of the call committee are: Rod Aden, Duane Delozier, Carissa Hoops, Carla Loemker, Martin D. Seckel, Jr, Amy Southwick, Tiffany Wallman, and Tina Wright.

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