



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

GUEST PREACHER: Thankyou to Rev. Dr. Brian Friedrich, President of Concordia University, Seward Nebraska for being with us this morning. President Friedrich will be preaching in both services and will have a presentation during Bible class this morning.

Do you need a prayer? If you would like a prayer for you at church, please call the church office or contact Pastor Reek by Thursday to be included in the bulletin. Please do this once you know that you need prayers, especially if you will be having medical procedures and will be in the hospital. The hospitals do not contact the church if you are having surgery or are hospitalized. Please leave your name and number when contacting the church office, so we can return your call.

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. Please do not use your 2017 envelopes anymore.

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!!

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.

CHURCH POT-LUCK: Pot-luck is next Sunday, January 21st at noon in the church basement. ALL members and guests are invited to come downstairs for lunch! Great food and fellowship with fellow members. If you forgot and don't have anything prepared, come anyway! There's plenty for all! Table service will be provided.

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.

COAT DRIVE: The LYF is collecting coats, stocking caps, scarves, gloves and mittens. Please put any donation in the box in the narthex. The items that are donated are for sharing. If you or anyone you know, could use these items, feel free to take and use them. Any items that are not taken will be donated to the Community Coat Pantry located in the Christian Church. Items there are free to anyone in need.

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.

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.

CAMP LUTHER SUMMER CAMP

registration is now open! View our online brochure and register your child today at www.campluther.org/summer! Dates, prices, camp descriptions, and answers to frequently asked questions including discounts and financial aid, can all be found there as well. If your child has never been to camp, or if you have any questions or concerns of any sort, don't hesitate to contact us! You can email us at campluther@campluther.org or call 402-352-5655.

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.

The congregational self-study can also be completed online via SurveyMonkey. The link you will need to use is:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/QYJN6KP>

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BEST PRACTICES FOR MINISTRY

BIBLE-BASE, GOSPEL-CENTERED, MISSION DRIVEN & FUTURE ORIENTED

We are looking for some St. Paul members with enthusiasm for the Gospel that would like to attend a **“BEST PRACTICES FOR MINISTRY CONFERENCE”**.

The conference is in sunny **Phoenix, AZ.** and is scheduled for **February 22, 23, 24, 2018.** The conference is attended by folks across the country including Nebraska.

It is a great conference for extending the Word of God out into our communities through our own church and school. The conference includes dozens of sessions on church growth, community outreach, youth, adult, & Sr. programs, legal, fiscal, & health programs, nurturing & caring, worship, and more and more. This is perfect for young, middle-age, and seniors alike.

The cost of the conference including meals is free!!!! Costs would primarily be the cost of hotel and transportation. Some financial assistance from our congregation may be available. We need some folks from St. Paul to attend and bring back energy and ideas that we can implement here in Beatrice, NE.

Look at website cclphoenix.org/bpm-resources for complete program and registration information. Contact Cliff Kumm 402-239-9128 or Kelly at the church office with any questions. GOD IS CALLING YOU!!!!

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