



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

**SPECIAL MISSION EVENT:** Gary Thies, Mission Development Counselor for the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod will present an exciting and unusual message and power point presentation on what is taking place in the Mission Division of the church body. This event will take place on Sunday, February 18. Gary will be giving a presentation at both services and will be leading the Adult Bible Class that morning. Why not mark your calendar for this special Event! Invite someone to come along and you too can be a missionary.

**LWML MISSION SUNDAY POT-LUCK LUNCH & PROGRAM:** On Sunday, February 18 the LWML Ladies will host their spring event from 12:00-3:00pm. Our theme is "We Are All Missionaries" - Ezra 10:4 and presenter is Gary Thies of Mission Central in Iowa. Everyone is invited to come and enjoy a pot-luck lunch and great fellowship. Please bring a dish to share. Table service and drinks will be provided. It is a great opportunity for us to hear about what is happening in the Mission field of our church around the world.

**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.

**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!!

**THANK YOU:** With many and sincere thanks: My husband and I are new to St. Paul's, having recently returned to Nebraska. I want to thank Pastor Reek for his many kindnesses to us, and the members of this congregation for welcoming us into your midst. Your petitions for those on the prayer list are a blessing indeed. I give thanks and praise to our Lord who has restored me by His grace. Chris Boone

**THANK YOU** for sharing the love of Christ by donating toward the door collection for David Roschewski (father of Kelly Mees) and DeWayne Kuhlmann (cousin of Merle Kuhlmann). A total of \$1,354 was collected. Thank You! Stewardship Committee.

**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. When searching for our organization it needs to read SAINT PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH in order to find it. SAINT does need to be spelled out.

**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.

**SERMONS:** Did you know that many of our sermons from the past year are available on our website? Visit <http://stpaulbeatrice.org/sermon/> to browse the archive. More sermons as well as full services and other special event recordings are coming soon!

**VBS DIRECTOR:** The Board for Parish Education is looking for a person or persons to be our VBS Director this summer. If you would be interested, please contact Kelly in the church office.

**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.

**Orphan Grain Train needs your help!** The Norfolk warehouse in Nebraska is in desperate

need of new or used, child or adult bicycles. If you have bikes or tricycles stored away not being used, please consider donating them. In some regions of the world people cannot afford cars and bikes are their only affordable transportation. Thank you for your help with this very needed and life changing request. If you have any questions, please call OGT's home office toll free at 1-877-371-7393.

**CAMP LUTHER SUMMER CAMP** registration is now open! View our online brochure and register your child today at [www.campluther.org/summer](http://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](mailto:campluther@campluther.org) or call 402-352-5655.

**THRIVENT MEMBERS:** All 2017 Thrivent Choice Dollars must be directed by March 31, 2018. Please consider directing them to the church or the school.



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### **Every Wednesday during Lent**

4:30pm	Lenten Vespers (Please note time change)
5:00pm	Lenten Supper
<i>Meals are served by various boards of the congregation</i>	
7:00pm	Lenten Vespers

***Come for dinner and enjoy fellowship with other congregation members!***

All are welcome, and a freewill donation is appreciated (but not required) to benefit our various organizations and missions

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