



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

MERCY MEALS: The next Mercy Meals - Blue Rivers Area packing event is scheduled for Monday, March 19th at the Community Building in Odell. This is a one-day event for this packing. The shifts are 8:00 to 10:00 a.m., 10:00 to 12:00, 12:00 to 2:00, 2:00 to 4:00, 4:00 to 6:00, 6:00 to 8:00 p.m., and a clean-up shift. If you would like to help or donate to purchase more meals - please contact Gwen or Deb at the State Bank of Odell - 402-766-3720, P.O. Box 185, Odell, NE 68415.

CHURCH TREASURER POSITION: We are looking for an individual to fill the position of church treasurer. Brandy Scheer has turned in her resignation effective March 31, 2018. With keeping the books for two businesses and the church, she felt it was time to give up the church treasurer's position. We want to thank Brandy for her service for the past 2 years. She has made the bookkeeping and payroll easier by using programs on a laptop. We are looking for someone with general bookkeeping knowledge, computer skills and knowledge of payroll and payroll taxes. Brandy is willing to meet with candidates to explain the duties of the treasurer. If you are interested in this position or know of anyone that might be, please call Kelly at the church office. (402) 228-1540

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!!

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.

CHURCH USAGE POLICY: All requests to use the church for a meeting or activity (i.e. - the fellowship hall for a baby shower or a meeting, etc.) must be approved by the church office. If you would like to reserve the church, contact the church office. If your request is approved, Kelly will confirm with you the date is available. If your request is not received by the church office prior to scheduling your event you may not be able to hold your event.

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH: Just a reminder that we bowl today at 2:00pm. We will have a short devotion and then enjoy bowling. See you there!

LUTHERAN WITNESS: The Lutheran Witness is the flagship magazine of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod. It is a monthly publication (11 issues per year) that offers Synod news, features, columns, Q & A's, and more. It's time to order/renew your subscription. Please contact the church office by March 26th if it is something you would like to have for you and your family. Cost is \$15.96 for the year. If you are currently receiving this publication and would like to continue to receive it, you will need to contact the church office to renew your subscription also.

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.

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.

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

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.

BAKE SALE: Plan ahead for the Palm Sunday Bake Sale! Evangelism is hosting a Bake Sale on March 25th (Palm Sunday) between services. Please bring your donated yummy treats to the church on Saturday, March 24th by 3pm.

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.

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.

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

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.



EASTER LILIES:

If you would like to furnish an Easter Lily for our chancel at Easter, complete an order form located in the narthex or newsletter and return to the church office or in the offering plate by Sunday, March 18th. Cost per Easter Lily is \$15. Deadline to order is March 18th.



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Every Wednesday during Lent

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