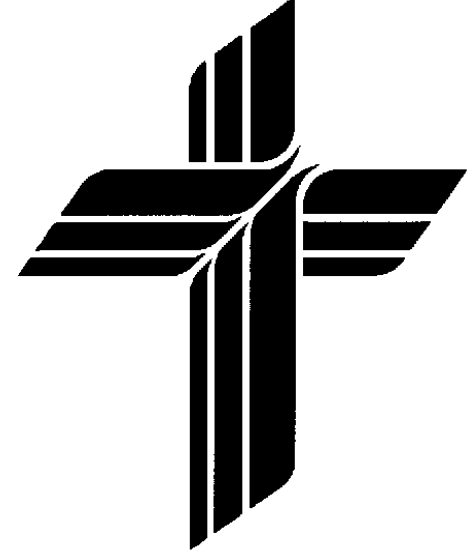


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# SCHOOL NEWS

*“Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever.” Hebrews 13:8*

As March begins, we are excited to celebrate Lutheran Schools Week on March 4<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup>. The theme is “Only Jesus” based on Hebrews 13:8. We have many events planned for our celebration.

**Sunday, March 4<sup>th</sup>:** Worship at the School, 10:30 a.m.  
Students sing during the service  
LYF Soup Luncheon following the service

**Monday, March 5<sup>th</sup>:** *Hat Day* (K-5) Pajama Day (PreK)  
Mercy Meals packing

**Tuesday, March 6<sup>th</sup>:** *Pajama/Baby Day* (PS-5)  
Gather 500 diapers for Mother to Mother Ministry  
Minute to Win It Group Games in Gym

**Wednesday, March 7<sup>th</sup>:** *Animal Day* (PreK-5)  
Chapel at 8:30 a.m.  
Lincoln Zoo Animal Demonstrations in afternoon

**Thursday, March 8<sup>th</sup>:** *Tourist/Travel Day* (K-5) Animal Day (PS)  
Dress Rehearsal for Grandparent’s Day at 10:00 a.m.

**Friday, March 9<sup>th</sup>:** *School Spirit Day* (PreK-5)  
Grandparents Day Program at 10:00 a.m.

**Sunday, March 11<sup>th</sup>:** School Roller-Skating Party @ Rolla-Rena 5:30-7:30 p.m.

Our Grandparents Day Program will be held on Friday, March 9<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m. An exciting program has been planned by the students in Kindergarten through Grade 5. Everyone is invited to attend as we praise and thank God for all the blessings given to and through St. Paul’s Lutheran School.

B.E.A.R. Fair (Be Excited About Reading) was a huge success this year. The students worked so hard and our profit will be about \$8,000! This money will be used for the school and classroom libraries, as well as adding some storage containers and more mulch for the butterfly garden beds in the Outdoor Classroom at St. Paul’s Lutheran School. The cookie dough is being delivered on February 21<sup>st</sup>, so you should receive your dough soon!

March 14<sup>th</sup> brings us to the end of the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter of the school year. We will enjoy a Spring/Easter Break on March 26<sup>th</sup> through April 2<sup>nd</sup>.

We are currently accepting applications for new students in Preschool (age 3), Pre-Kindergarten (age 4), Kindergarten, and grades 1-5 for next school year (2018-2019). If you are interested or know of someone interested in information about our school or would like to enroll in St. Paul’s Lutheran School, please contact the school office.

In Christ,  
Amy Duever, St. Paul’s Lutheran Principal



## **March at St. Paul's Lutheran School:**

4-10 – National Lutherans School Week

9 – Grandparent's Day

14 – End of 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter

26-April 2 – No School (Spring Break/Easter Break)

**Our St. Paul's students will be singing** in church

on the following Sunday:

March 4, April 22, and May 13

Dates are subject to change.



**SCHOOL PRAYER FAMILIES:** The staff of our St. Paul's Lutheran School will continue their Prayer Family ministry this year. Each week at faculty devotions and at Chapel they will be praying for some of the school families. As Christian mentors, we want to model for our students the importance of lifting up community members in prayer. Those families will also be included in the weekly prayers each Sunday.

**SONIC NIGHT:** The next PTL fundraiser night will be Tuesday, March 13<sup>th</sup> from 5:00-8:00 p.m. at Sonic. Sonic will donate 20% of their proceeds that evening to our school. Please plan to eat out with us!

**We need your radio voice!** The evangelism committee has recently started doing a voiceover during the 8:00 service on KWBE. The voiceover invites the community members to church and gives our phone number if anyone would like to call. We are asking for others to be the voice of St. Paul's. The spots are short (about 40 seconds). We can have a script available or you can make up your own. Please contact Carissa Hoops or Eric Klaus for more information or to make your recording. Thank you!

**THANK YOU to the gracious people at the BSDC** for preparing our monthly newsletters for mailing this month. We sincerely appreciate their volunteer work and a job well done.

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

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

**IRA's:** If you are 70 1/2 or older, you may wish to make a tax-free gift to St. Paul's Church or School directly from your individual retirement accounts (IRAs). For many people, using funds from their IRA is a particularly convenient and tax-effective way to make charitable donations.



## LILIES FOR EASTER SEASON 2018

During the 2018 Easter Season, we will again decorate our church with lilies. The price is \$15.00 per plant. If you would like to purchase a lily, please fill out the section below and return it to the church office or in the offering plate by Sunday, March 18<sup>th</sup> with your money. The plants may be picked up following the second service on Sunday, April 1, 2018. Lilies may be designated in memory or in honor of a loved one or in thanksgiving for a special occasion, etc. If you would like to participate in this special display on behalf of yourself or your family, feel free to do so.

Given by \_\_\_\_\_

In Memory of \_\_\_\_\_

In Recognition of \_\_\_\_\_

In Thanksgiving for \_\_\_\_\_

I will order \_\_\_\_\_ lily(s) at \$15.00 each. Please make checks payable to St. Paul's Lutheran Church.



## SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

Sunday School is Sunday mornings at 9:15am in the church basement. We are looking for more Sunday school teachers. Some of our teachers would like to teach for a month, then have a month off to attend Pastor's Bible Class. If you would be willing to teach for a month or every other month, please contact Kelly at the church office or Dixie Johnson (402) 806-7504. Your help would be deeply appreciated. Thank you.

**Radio Broadcasts and Bulletin Sponsorships** are available for 2018. Radio sponsorship cost \$100 and bulletin sponsorship cost \$20. Please call Kelly in the church office if you are interested in sponsoring a date.

## BULLETINS RECEIVED

Date	Name	Church, City, State
January 28	Pat Nave, Deb, Roberta, & Sue	First Christian Church, Marysville, KS
February 18	Arvid & Althea Wiest	Hope Lutheran Church, Shawnee, KS

9:00am-12:00pm and  
1:00pm-4:00pm,  
Monday thru Friday

The office may be closed on  
occasion, so please call  
ahead.



Pastor Reek will be in the church office  
on Monday's from 2:30pm until after  
service and Wednesday's from 9:30-  
1:00pm. Anyone needing/wishing to  
visit personally with pastor, please  
contact the church office. Pastor Reek  
can also be reached at 402-476-2828  
or at [Dirk.Reek@cune.edu](mailto:Dirk.Reek@cune.edu).



**Every Sunday**

8:00am & 10:30am - Divine Services

**Every Monday**

7:00pm - Divine Service



**ADULT BIBLE CLASS on Sunday Mornings at 9:15am:**

Join us during March as we continue taking an in-depth look at a  
training course for the sharing of our faith.

The book is entitled "Every One His Witness".

Everyone is encouraged to attend.



CONGREGATIONAL  
MEETING

**Second Quarter Voter's Meeting  
Sunday, April 15, 2018**

Voter's Meeting at 1:30pm in the church basement

In the event the meeting on April 15<sup>th</sup> is cancelled,  
it will be rescheduled for Sunday, April 29<sup>th</sup> at 1:30pm  
in the church basement.

## March Birthdays & Anniversaries - 2018

### Happy Birthday to...

2 Kenneth Crosier	Kevin Wieshahn	Alexis Thavenet
Wayne Oestreich	15 Michael Duever	25 Shelly Fugett
Nichole Williams	Brian Walters	26 Kathleen Bishop
3 Shannon Clausen	16 Teresa Brethouwer	27 Andrew Duever
Jackie Huls	17 Kimberly Johnson	Christopher Teeter
Courtney Meyer	Hunter Zarybnicky	28 Olivia Aden
Colby Snook	18 Patrick Hager	Joshua Boerger
Glen Spilker	Keith Neumann	Sondra Doering
4 Joshua Riekenberg	Wayne Schultz	Emma Rix
6 Donald Junker	Vaughn Wright	Frieda Sohl
Barbara Rose	19 Garry Busboom	29 James Hager
7 Tamara DeFrain	Kevin Reikenberg	Vicki Heard
9 Caleb Crosier	20 Candice Mentgen	30 Casper Hintz
Keira Whitfield	Jayten Moyer	Quinton Johnsen
10 Amy Duever	Sharil Prall	Jeffry Licht
Brenda McConnell	21 Rodney Aden	Evelyn Rix
Larry Smith	Brian Clausen	31 Isaiah Duever
11 Xavier Smith	Norman McConnell	Carolyn Junker
12 Elta Lewien	22 Marilyn Adam	Rose Pittman
Steven Schmidt	Kyle Murray	Michael Reinke
Norbert Sohl	23 Aljean Swarthout	Michael Springer
13 Taelyn Lang	Marian Weishahn	Amy Whitfield
14 Eldean Adam	24 Chelsea Guiffre	
Geraldine Smith	Jacob Meyer	

### Happy Anniversary to...

7 Jon & Kari Murray, 22 yrs.	21 Robert & Vicki Frerking, 31 yrs.
9 Junior & Tammy Lofing, 29 yrs.	27 Richard & Mary Scheve, 46 yrs.
Leonard & Evelyn Wortman, 49 yrs.	30 Vernon & Marjorie Rogge, 26 yrs.
11 Eric & Anna Bledsaw, 17 yrs.	31 Steven & Phyllis Schmidt, 38 yrs.
15 Kevin & Shirley Petersen, 31 yrs.	

*If your information is missing or incorrect, please contact Kelly in the church office as work continues in order to keep our records up to date. We apologize for any errors.*

*Visit our website for the latest updates at  
[stpaulbeatrice.org](http://stpaulbeatrice.org)*



## Upcoming LWML Events

### **Seek & Serve Day NE North & South Districts**

Saturday, April 21, 2018

Host Site:

Peace Lutheran Church, Columbus, NE

Watch the bulletin for more updates!

### **LWML Executive Board Meetings**

First Tuesday of each month at  
2pm in the church basement.

### **Mother/Daughter Banquet**

Entertainers: The "Senioresses"

Wednesday, May 2, 2018

6:30pm to 8:30pm in the church basement

Bring a friend!

Watch the bulletin for more updates!

### **Zone Spring Workshop**

April 2018

Host Site:

St. Peter's Lutheran Church,  
Wymore, NE

Watch the bulletin for more updates!

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### **Every Wednesday during Lent**

4:30pm Lenten Vespers

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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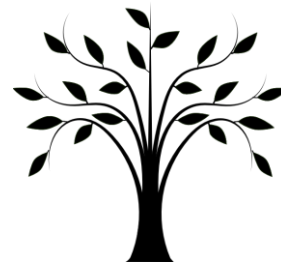
### **CHURCH TREASURER POSITION**

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



# St. Paul's Lutheran Child Care Center



*Therefore, as you received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in him, rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving.  
Colossians 2:6-7*

The Child Care Committee work continues, and the group has been meeting weekly and their work is ongoing.

**WONDERFUL NEWS....** In December a grant was submitted to DHHS on behalf of the Child Care center for \$8,202.43. The committee is please to announce that in early February we were award \$7,891.26 to be used for the Child Care Center.

Currently, we are working on:

- 1) Licensing Paperwork
- 2) Personnel Handbook
- 3) Fulfilling the requirements of the grant received
- 4) Pursuing candidates to call as a Director/Staff

As spring approaches, we will be looking for people who would be willing to help with the installation or has put up a chain link fence before. Before we can submit our final paperwork for our license we will have to have the fence installed. So, if you would be willing to help please contact Amy at the school office or Kelly in the church office.

If anyone would like to help offset the cost of opening the center or for a new building in the future, you may place your contribution in the offering plate or drop it by the church office. Please mark your contributions by writing Child Care Fund or Child Care New Building in the memo line.

The Child Care Committee has been meeting weekly and their work is ongoing. Continue to watch the newsletter each month as updates as to the Board's progress will be communicated.

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## **Best Practices in Ministry Conference**

Amy Duever, Lacey Jurgens, Marilyn Keilig, and myself traveled to Phoenix, Arizona on February 22-24 as your representatives to the Best Practices for Ministry Conference. All the sessions were Bible-based, Gospel-centered, and so informational. This was the 7<sup>th</sup> year that Christ Church – Lutheran has provided these sessions. There were over 2,300 individuals in attendance for the B.P.M. So, this was a large well organized three day of special programs. All of us would like to thank you for your prayers and financial support. More information will be following. Duane Delozier

This conference was amazing. 53 pages of sessions to choose from!!!! How do you decide? I chose to look for sessions that would help me to understand more of what God does and how to get closer to Him. I got more than I bargained for! I did inadvertently go to a session that were not the session I had chosen (right room, wrong day!). All the sessions were taped and, as I understand it, they will send us a link, so we can listen to them again. Over 2,300 registered! This conference was FREE; the food was FREE!! Such an outreach for people to attend and learn. Marilyn Keilig



## **Stewardship Article**

Hudson Taylor, a Nineteenth Century British missionary to China, is reported to have said, “God’s work, done in God’s way, will not lack God’s supply.” To know God’s way, we need to know His Holy Word. Or to say it another way: you need to know your Bible.

St. Paul, before he spends two chapters on giving, wrote that every thought is to be taken captive to the obedience of Christ (2 Cor. 10:5).

Doctrine matters. And doctrine matters because the Scriptures matter. And the Scriptures matter because this is where we learn the teaching of Christ. Our thoughts must be brought into line with the teaching of Scripture so that our work is what God wants done and so that we do this work in His way.

A good tree bears good fruit. A bad tree bears bad fruit. We have been made good trees in holy baptism. We are fertilized and pruned for bearing good fruit by constantly hearing God’s Word preached and taught in sermon and Bible Class and in receiving the life-giving, faith-sustaining food of the Lord’s Supper. Remember your doctrine, hold on to the Lord’s teaching, and your thoughts will be taken captive to the obedience of Christ.

Bringing every thought captive to the obedience of Christ is recognizing that God does provide. The Lord’s Prayer teaches us to pray for daily bread. Praying this day in and day out reminds us that the Lord is the giver of our daily bread, and that we are to give thanks for His daily provision of it.

God is rarely early and never late in His work, as Abraham learned, “on the mount of the Lord it will be provided” (Gen. 22:14). The Lord’s generosity forms our generosity in return. Thus, we set aside for the work of God a generous, first-fruits, proportion of the daily bread that God has given to us. This act of trust in the Lord’s provision is the working out of our faith in Him.

When budgetary discussions pop up, our natural reaction is to point fingers. But remember your doctrine, and what your mother taught about pointing fingers. Our first natural reaction is not always right. In fact, when our thoughts are brought into captivity of Christ, our first reaction should be repentance.

It should raise questions in our own lives. As good trees in Christ who are to bear good fruit, we should ask whether our thoughts are taken captive by obedience to Christ. Have we given generously? Have we given our first-fruits? You know. And God knows. “For the eyes of the Lord run to and fro throughout the whole earth, to show Himself strong on behalf of those whose heart is loyal to Him” (2 Chron. 16:9).

God will provide. He always has, and He always will. He gives His meat in due season. He has not left you as orphans but has grafted you into His own family. You belong to Him. Remember this, letting this thought dwell in you richly. And you will then be rich toward others.



The LYF are also selling Super Wash car wash tokens – 5 for \$20!! They are available in the church office.



### March 4

LYF Soup Luncheon at the school from 11:30am-1:00pm. Free will offering to support the youth that will be attending the National Youth Gathering in Minneapolis in 2019.

### April 1

Please join us in celebrating our risen Lord on Easter with an Easter Breakfast served by the Lutheran Youth Fellowship between services. Watch the bulletin for specific time and menu.

It is a free will donation meal with proceeds going toward upcoming LYF



## Join Us For Breakfast

### LLL Scholarship Grant Applications

Are you interested in full-time church work? Now is the time to apply for an LLL Scholarship Grant! Request applications from Virginia Von Seggern at email [virginia.vonseggern251@gmail.com](mailto:virginia.vonseggern251@gmail.com) or phone 402-655-2254. They are also available on the website of the Nebraska District LC-MS ([www.ndlcms.org](http://www.ndlcms.org)). Applications are due in mid-May of 2018, apply early. We are grateful for those students interested in full-time church work. Have you had an LLL Scholarship Grant previously? You MUST RE-APPLY to extend your grant each year.



Sunday, March 4	8:00 Divine Service 9:15 Bible Class/Sunday School 10:30 Service in School Gym
Monday, March 5	7:00 Weekday Service of Holy Communion
Wednesday, March 7	4:30 Vespers 5:00 Supper - served by Stewardship 7:00 Vespers
Sunday, March 11	8:00 Divine Service 9:15 Bible Class/Sunday School 10:30 Divine Service
Monday, March 12	7:00 Weekday Service of Holy Communion
Wednesday, March 14	4:30 Vespers 5:00 Supper - served by Elders 7:00 Vespers
Sunday, March 18	8:00 Divine Service 9:15 Bible Class/Sunday School 10:30 Divine Service
Monday, March 19	7:00 Weekday Service of Holy Communion
Wednesday, March 21	4:30 Vespers 5:00 Supper - served by Trustees 7:00 Vespers
Sunday, March 25	8:00 Divine Service 9:15 Bible Class/Sunday School 10:30 Divine Service
Monday, March 26	7:00 Weekday Service of Holy Communion
Thursday, March 29	4:30 Divine Service - Maundy Thursday 7:00 Divine Service - Altar Stripping
Friday, March 30	4:30 Good Friday Service 7:00 Tenebrae
Sunday, April 1	EASTER SUNDAY 6:00 Sunrise Service 8:00 Divine Service LYF Easter Breakfast No Bible Class or Sunday School 10:30 Divine Service
Monday, April 2	7:00 Weekday Service of Holy Communion

## 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!!

Congratulations to the following members who were nominated:

**Kelly Mees** – For keeping things moving in the office and for helping Pastor.

**Rod Aden** – For his great leadership this past year and in doing a very difficult job of getting our church to try to pull together.

**Duane Delozier** – He has a very positive attitude concerning our church and is always willing to work. He is very good at encouraging others to greater service to our Lord.

**Loretta Wiegand & Lyndon Wiegand** – For years they have faithfully set up the quilts, twice a week, for the St. Paul's quilting group.

**Alex Holle, Brandon Scheer, Sarah Scheer, Ashton Sandman, Olivia Aden, Sydney Southwick, Billy Kelley, Faith Kelley, and Connor Kelley** - For decorating sugar cookies and delivering them to our shut-ins. Great job, young people! They loved seeing your smiles.

**Vicki Frerking** – She is always willing to help! Thank you for volunteering to work with our middle school youth as a group.

Thank you to all our volunteers, but especially to Kelly, Rod, Duane, Loretta, Lyndon, Alex, Brandon, Sarah, Ashton, Olivia, Sydney, Billy, Faith, Connor, and Vicki for this newsletter period. We encourage congregational members to nominate someone.

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**Meeting with Pres. Snow**



POTLUCK DINNER

### **Sunday, March 25<sup>th</sup>**

Plan now to attend the church potluck dinner on Sunday, March 25 at noon in the church basement.

Table service will be provided.

Everyone is asked to bring a dish to share.

Mark your calendar and come for great food and great conversation with fellow St. Paul's members.

Following the potluck everyone is encouraged to stay for a presentation from President Snow and the Call Committee at 12:45pm. The potluck will give President Snow an opportunity to interact with our congregation and then to report on the Congregational Survey completed to call a new pastor.

President Snow will also be a part of both worship services that morning.