



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

**CHILDREN SING:** Thank you to the students in Grades 1-5 of our St. Paul's Lutheran School for singing "Jesus Came to Our Rescue" and the students in Kindergarten for playing the bells to "Amazing Grace" at the 8:00am service today.

**A CHALLENGE:** There are a number of members of St. Paul's that we have not seen in church for some time. St. Paul's challenges each one of you to take a look through our church directory and find at least one brother or sister in Christ to reach out to them and let them know you care about them and to encourage them to come and receive the gifts of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**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.

**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!

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

**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.

**VBS:** St. Paul's Vacation Bible School has been set for the week of July 9<sup>th</sup>-13<sup>th</sup>. It will be held in the evenings that week.

**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.

**SCHOOL PLAYGROUND WORK NIGHTS:** Outdoor classroom and playground work days have been scheduled for Tuesday, April 24<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday, April 25<sup>th</sup> from 5:00-7:00 p.m. On these evening we will be spreading mulch, planting flowers and perennial plants, tilling up the long jump pit, and re-spreading rubber mulch over our playground. With the track meet on May 4<sup>th</sup>, we would like our grounds to be in excellent shape for our many visitors! Please mark your calendars now and plan to help us. We will need wheelbarrows, rakes, shovels, garden hand tools, and many willing hands. A light supper will be served after the work nights.

**DORCAS BOUTIQUE:** Just a reminder: The Card Boutique has a large variety of lovely greeting cards. It is in the fellowship hall. Stop by on Sunday's between services or during the week days the church office will assist you. Single cards can be purchased for \$0.60 and a box of cards sells for \$6.00.

**THANK YOU** to everyone who saved Campbells Labels for the school in the past. The Campbells labels for Education program has ended, we no longer need you to turn in those labels or UPC codes.

SunMart cash register receipts update: our current total is \$62,643.98. You can also collect Box Tops, Best Choice UPC labels (from Heartland Foods), Tyson Project A+ labels, and Our Family labels (UPC portion). We can turn in all of these labels to receive money for our school.

**LADIES:** You are invited to attend the annual Mother/Daughter Salad Supper sponsored by the LWML on Wednesday, May 2<sup>nd</sup> at 6:30pm in the church basement. Come for an evening of food, fun, and fellowship. Join us as we take a look at "***YOUR PURSE-ONAL JOURNEY***". If you'd like, come dressed classy with your fancy purse. A photo booth will be available for those attending to remember this special evening. Freewill donations from the photo booth will be given to St. Paul's LWML Missionaries for 2018 – Rev. Stu & Deb Freese. Entertainment will be provided by the "Seniorettes". Bring a friend and a salad to share.

**CONFIRMATION SUNDAY** is April 22<sup>nd</sup> during the 10:30 service. A Confirmation Preparation Service will be held Saturday, April 21<sup>st</sup> at 7:00pm. On Sunday a reception will be held at 9:15am in the church basement. Everyone is welcome to attend.

**FAREWELLS FOR PASTOR REEK:** Pastor Reek's last Sunday with us as our Intentional Interim Pastor will be Sunday, April 29. We will have two opportunities for congregation members to thank him for his service and work among us. The Elders will host a short reception following the 8:00 service in the church fellowship hall. The Church Council will host a potluck at the school following the 10:30 worship service being held there. Everyone is encouraged to attend one or both of these times of thankfulness and recognition for Pastor Reek. A basket will be available for cards of thanks at both places. Table service and drinks will be provided at the potluck. Please bring food to share.

**ST. PAUL'S CHILD CARE DIRECTOR:** St. Paul's Board for Parish Education is seeking candidates to fill the position of Child Care Director at St. Paul's Lutheran School. This would be a full time, salaried position on the ministry team at St. Paul's. If you or someone you know would be interested in applying, please have them send their resume to Mrs. Duever at St. Paul's Lutheran School. They can also contact Mrs. Duever by phone: 402-223-3414 or email: [aduever@stpaulbeatrice.org](mailto:aduever@stpaulbeatrice.org) with any questions.



## **Congregational Informational Meeting Thursday, May 3, 2018**

Meeting at 6:30pm in the church basement

The purpose of this meeting is to inform the congregation on proposed changes to the Constitution & Bylaws of St. Paul's Lutheran Church.

## **Congregational Informational Meeting & Special Voter's Meeting Sunday, May 6, 2018**

Meeting at 1:30pm in the church basement

The purpose of this meeting is to continue the discussion and answer questions on proposed changes to the Constitution & Bylaws of St. Paul's Lutheran Church. Upon completion of the informational meeting a Special Voters' Meeting will convene to vote for approval to send these documents to the Constitutional Committee for review.

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[stpaulbeatrice.org](http://stpaulbeatrice.org)*

**Mother's Day Luncheon:** GREAT COOKS Then and Now. Saturday, April 28<sup>th</sup> at 12:00 Noon. Ticket Price is \$7.00. Come join us for a sandwich, salad, dessert and entertainment. Our cookbooks will be available for the 1<sup>st</sup> time at a price of \$10 each. A perfect gift for Mother's Day and any occasion! Purchase your luncheon tickets from an Auxiliary Member or at the banks in Virginia and Filley. Ticket are not available at the door.

**Beatrice Community Blood Drive** will be held at the Holiday Inn Express on Wednesday, April 25<sup>th</sup> 12:00pm-6:00pm and Thursday, April 26<sup>th</sup> 7:00am-1:00pm. To schedule an appointment, call Joann at 402-228-0260 or go online [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org).

**NEWSLETTER DEADLINE!** – All articles and information to be included in the May issue of the church newsletter are asked to be turned into the church office by Monday, April 23<sup>rd</sup>.

**Beatrice Zone LWML Spring Workshop:** Saturday, April 28, 2018 at St. Peter's, Wymore. Opening at 9am. A Light lunch will be served. Theme: "A Balancing Act" Hebrews 12:2. Anyone wanting to carpool meet in the church parking lot at 8:00am.