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**PARISH NEWSLETTER
St. Paul's Lutheran Church
Beatrice, Nebraska
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SCHOOL NEWS

“The Lord of hosts is with us, the God of Jacob is our fortress.” Psalm 46:11

As the New Year begins, we rejoice in the birth of the Savior, Christ our King. To celebrate His birthday, the teachers and students enjoyed a break from school from December 21st through January 7th. Classes resumed on Tuesday, January 8th.

On December 28th, our Parent Teacher League hosted a “New Year’s Family Celebration”, featuring a bounce house, obstacle course, face painting, a Happy D Clown magic show, games, dancing, and concessions. It was a wonderful opportunity for our school community to engage in fun and fellowship!

This month, we are looking forward to our Online Mission Trip to Peru. Each day during the week of January 28th, the students will watch online presentations from missionaries in Peru. We will also use online curriculum to learn about the culture, geography, and history of the country. This program is presented by Lutheran Hour Ministries and gives the students a chance to not only learn about another country, but also learn how the Gospel is being spread throughout the world. Our chapel offerings for January will also go to Lutheran Hour Ministries to support their work in Peru.

B.E.A.R (Be Excited About Reading) Fair will be held in January, with the kickoff scheduled for the 16th. Students will be taking magazine subscription orders and selling cookie dough and cinnabons. The profits from the fair are used to buy new books and magazines for the school library. We appreciate your support of this school fundraiser.

We are presently taking applications for the 2019-2020 school year for the Preschool (3-year old) and Pre-Kindergarten (4-year old) class sessions. Anyone interested in enrolling should contact the school office at 402-223-3414 for an application.

Have a Blessed New Year in the Lord!

In Christ,

Amy Duever
St. Paul’s Lutheran Principal



January at St. Paul's Lutheran School:

7 – No School
8 – Classes Resume

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

on the following Sundays:

Jan. 27, Feb. 10, Mar. 3,

April 14, and May 12.

Dates are subject to change.



DONATE YOUR CHANGE: Would you like to be able to support our school while doing shopping? Click on the link below to learn how change from your everyday purchases can make a huge impact for our school. www.stpaulbeatrice.donateyourchange.com Any questions contact the school or church office.

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.

THANK YOU: Thank you to all the singers and musicians who shared their talent during the Christmas season. It was enjoyed by those in attendance. If anyone would like to offer their vocal or instrumental talent during a service please contact Beverly Duensing or the church office.



Thank You to everyone who contributed a Poinsettia for the chancel during Christmas!

Doug & Christine Boone

In memory of Melvadine Arntt by Larry & Donna Huls

In memory of Elmer & Clara Johnson & Leo Pacha by Mike & Dixie Johnson

Ladies Aid

Ladies Aid

In memory of Spc. Brandon Meyer, by Norbert & Tina Meyer

In memory of Vic Meyer by Floice Meyer

In memory of Herman F. Neumann by Joyce Neumann and Family

Social Club

Arvid & Althea Wiest

Orphan Grain Train
2018 Local Report
Beatrice, NE

In the year 2018, 432 bags and 186 boxes have been collected, plus whatever the Bargain Box also has. The Grand Island Branch also picks up at the Bargain Box and at our collection center. We do continue to collect many things and when the Grand Island Branch come down, they also pick these items up. We also get help together to help load the trailer. We continue to get great support from the Bargain Box, The Good Samaritan Center, Beatrice Community Hospital, St. Paul's Lutheran School, Thrivent for Lutherans, many area businesses, many area churches, (including many churches in Kansas), and many individuals.

Included in some of the bags and boxes which we collected were the following: 980 blankets and quilts - 1273 knitted stocking caps - 78 Health Kits - 103 Pillow Case Dresses - Boxes of Medical Supplies - 96 Back Packs and School Kits - 6 Layette Kits - many boxes and bags of stuff toys - new socks - new scarves - new underwear - 5 boxes of Bibles (distributed in Nebraska for Prison Ministry) - some medical equipment - 4 hospital beds - 6 wheel chairs - 6 walkers - 3 sewing machine - houseware items - 77 bikes - and at least 11 sleeping mats. There were also monetary contributions that were given and many more items. These items are in addition to what is being sent out by the Bargain Box. Thank you, Bargain Box, for your great support.

Also given were many bags and boxes of yarn and material which was then given out to different churches and individuals to be used in the making of blankets, quilts, and knitted caps.

Local volunteers also put in over 186 hours in helping with the fish feeds and in the collection, boxing, and loading of the above items. If you would like to donate any items or time, please call Martin D. Seckel, JR. at 402-228-3085 or 402-223-7029.

Thanking everyone for their prayers, help and donations. "GLORY BE TO GOD"

Martin D. Seckel, Jr.

**St. Paul's Lutheran Church
2019 Board and Committee Roster**

Chairman:		Vice-Chairman:	
Rod Aden	402-223-3177	Martin D. Seckel Jr.	402-228-3085
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Steve Sandman	402-239-7060	Ron Buss	402-223-2786
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Trustees

Wayne Oestreich	402-223-4257	Craig Wallman	402-228-1028
Ron Fehn	402-223-0449	Eric Jobman	402-239-2941
Andrew Zimmerman	402-230-0506	Kevin Peterson	402-223-4734
Greg Holle	402-806-0699	Bryan McAllister	402-228-0299
Gary Swanson	402-223-4488		

Stewardship

Phyllis Schmidt	402-228-0354	Marilus Snyder	402-223-0434
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Janet Trout	402-520-1913	Vicki Frerking	402-239-5312

2019

ROSTER OF HOUSEHOLDS

ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

Beatrice, Nebraska

CODE NUMBER OF ELDERS – ASSIGNED TO FAMILIES

- (1) 228-0259 Duane Dabendiek.....Dale Adam to Gerrad Busboom
- (2) 239-7060 Steve Sandman.....Aaron Busboom to Alexa Eckhoff
- (3) 228-8885 Eric KlausSandy Eckhoff to Michael Hahn
- (4) 223-9232 David Trout.....Marilyn Hammond to Eric Jobman
- (5) 228-4010 Duane Delozier.....Jeremy Johnsen to Keith Krecklow
- (6) 223-2786 Ron Buss.....Merle Kuhlmann to Teresa Martin
- (7) 223-4279 Terry Brethouwer.....Richard Martin to Keith Neumann
- (8) 223-5123 David Doering.....Joyce Neumann to Michael Reinke
- (9) 520-2524 Garry Busboom.....Dale Rickers to Kylie Schreifels
- (10) 239-7041 Vaughn Wright.....Bartt Schroder to Aljean Swarhout
- (11) 228-3922 Ken Loemker.....David Taylor to Heath Wester
- (12) 228-7309 Dave Oltmans.....Jesse Wester to Chelsea Zutavern

VISITATION PASTOR: Rev. Timothy Brisbois serves St. Paul's as our visitation pastor. Pastor Brisbois does not have church office hours. Anyone needing / wishing to visit personally with Pastor Brisbois or have him visit you, please contact the church office. Pastor Brisbois can also be reached at 402-806-1822 or by email at trbrisbois@gmail.com.

CHURCH SERVICES: We will be having church service in the school gym at 10:30 AM on January 13, February 10, March 3, and April 7. These services will be in place of the 10:30am service at church. A shortened Sunday School and Adult Bible Class time will still be held on these Sunday's in the church basement.

PULPIT SUPPLY: Rev. Charles Schmidt will be regularly scheduled for Sunday services at St. Paul's until God grants a called pastor. Pastor Schmidt is recently retired having served at Grace Fairbury for the past 30 years. He is enjoying retirement with his wife Brenda in Lincoln where they are members at Redeemer Lutheran. Since the purpose of retirement is enjoying nine wonderful grandchildren (and the requisite parents that go with them) and Pastor & Brenda's passion for travel, there will be dates he will not be with us at St. Paul's. Pastor Stuckwisch and Pastor Schmidt share a goal to provide stability and a sense of normalcy for Sunday services, so Pastor Schmidt will be the regular Sunday morning pastor during the vacancy when that goal does not contradict those two purposes of retirement.

RADIO BROADCASTS AND BULLETIN SPONSORSHIPS are available for 2019. Thank you to those who sponsored a radio broadcast or bulletin sponsorship in 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.

OFFERING CAMPAIGN: We are beginning a new special offering campaign, "*Back in the Black for our new Pastor*". We will incur additional expenses when we are blessed with our new Pastor, including expenses for when he comes to visit, moving expenses, possible parsonage update, etc. You are encouraged to contribute to this special fund. You may put "Back in the Black" or "Special Offering" on the memo line. Thank You!!!

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

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.

NOMINATE A VOLUNTEER: We continue to have the "Nominate a Volunteer" program. Feel free to drop your nominations in the box in the narthex. A special thank you to ALL of you who donate your time and talents!

SPECIAL VOTERS' MEETING Sunday, January 20, 2019 at 1:30pm followed by the regularly scheduled Voters' Meeting. This special meeting has been called to extend a call to our next pastor. Continue to pray for the Lord's blessings on our congregation as we await a faithful shepherd to guide the flock of St. Paul's Lutheran Church

ST. PAUL'S CONSTITUTION & BYLAWS: Notification has been received that the Nebraska District Board of Directors has ratified our revised constitution and bylaws. As a congregation we are now free to adopt these revised documents. To adopt them, they will be voted on at both the October 21, 2018 and January 20, 2019 Voters' Assembly Meetings, with two-thirds of all voting members present casting their vote in favor of the revised documents. These documents were approved by a unanimous vote during the October Voters' Meeting. Plan now to attend and cast your vote!

RADA CUTLERY: LYF members going to the National Youth Gathering in Minneapolis next summer are selling Rada Cutlery's 100% USA Made kitchen products to raise money for this exciting trip. There are catalogs in the Narthex. Our group number is 2041021. This product makes great Christmas gifts, and when ordering online they should be here just in time. Please contact Tamra D'Andrea or the church office for more details.



Upcoming LWML Events

LWML Christmas Tea

January 6, 2019

1:30-3:30pm

In the church basement

Theme: "A Simple Gift"

Presenter: Martin D. Seckel, Jr.

A collection will be taken for the Orphan Grain Train.

Items being collected are: Health Kits--Bath towel, wash cloth, bath-size bar of soap, adult size toothbrush, sturdy comb, stick deodorant, 1/2" or 3/4" Band-Aids; School Kits--back pack, spiral notebooks, pencils, pens, construction paper, 8, 16, or 24 ct. crayons, ruler, glue sticks, blunt scissors, washable markers, protractor; socks and underwear. Anyone wanting to donate items may bring them to the tea or place them in the box in the narthex.

Everyone is welcome to attend.

Watch the bulletin for more updates!

Nebraska South LWML Website

www.lwmlnesouth.org

LWML Executive Board Meetings

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

38th Biennial National Convention

June 20-23, 2019

Host Site:
Mobile, Alabama

Theme: "In Praise to the Lord"
1 Chronicles 16:23-24a

Watch the bulletin for more updates!

Offering Envelopes



2019 Contribution Envelopes

can be picked up in the church basement. Be sure not to use your 2018 envelopes in 2019, since numbers may have changed.

9:00am-3:00pm,
Monday thru Friday
The office may be closed on
occasion, so please call
ahead.



Pastor Stuckwisch will be in the church
office on Tuesday mornings and
Wednesday afternoons. Anyone
needing / wishing to visit personally
with Pastor Stuckwisch, please contact
the church office.

Pastor Stuckwisch can also be reached
at [402-230-0698](tel:402-230-0698)



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 January as we take an in-depth look at
God's Word together as a congregation.

Everyone is encouraged to attend. We Look forward to seeing you.

SUNDAY SCHOOL for the children is at 9:15am on Sunday mornings in the church basement.



**Special Voters' Meeting
followed by the
First Quarter Voters' Meeting
Sunday, January 20, 2019**

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

January Birthdays & Anniversaries - 2019

Happy Birthday to...

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| <p>1 Dawson Eckhoff
Graham Southwick
Evelyn Wortman
Janeen Young</p> | <p>9 Ronald Naaf
10 Chandler Sandman
Matthew Schmidt
John Wiegand</p> | <p>Steven Stark
19 Kenneth Loemker
Christine Rix
Shana Ruskamp</p> |
| <p>2 Angela Craven
Shelby Garton
James Hill
Jeremy Johnsen
Sheila Meyer
Nancy Sedlacek</p> | <p>11 Corey Loseman
Brandy Scheer
Emily Thavenet
12 Jarrod Brand
Junior Lofing
Ryan Loseman
Adam Riekenberg
Cynthia Riekenberg</p> | <p>21 Aaron Lawson
Linda Oestreich
22 Lufei Young
23 Robin Klaus
David Meyer
Anna Petersen
Chelsea Rogge</p> |
| <p>4 Alexander Aldag
Alex Eckhoff
Andrew Franzen
Elaine Roberts
Kylie Schreifels
Zoe Sunderland
Nick Thompson</p> | <p>13 Brandon Rickers
Rhonda Rickers
14 Cooper Huls
15 Kevin Ankersen
Nicole Zimmerman
16 Jessie Houser
Angelea McConnell
Ashton Sandman</p> | <p>24 Tena Meyer
Roger Mohling
Melody Philippi-Aden
25 Mark Rogge
Tryston Ruskamp
Tiffany Wallman
26 Adam Engler
Joy Hager</p> |
| <p>5 Aaron Busboom
Adaline Dorn
Daryl Dorn
Shirley Roebke</p> | <p>17 Stacey Peters
Randy Workman
18 Loretta Mohling
Laura Munn
Alexander Niedfeldt
Bronson Smith</p> | <p>27 Carissa Hoops
28 Nelda Guenther
Delores Rahe
29 Ella Klaus
31 Jon Clausen
Lucinda Lawson</p> |
| <p>6 Bruce Fossler
Travis Lang
Sean Wright</p> | | |
| <p>8 Grant Elstun
Duane Stroemer
Jeremy Williams</p> | | |

Happy Anniversary to...

- | | |
|---------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| 1 Randy & Shelly Fugett, 2 yr. | 22 Richard & June Martin, 66 yrs. |
| 15 Mark & Linda Engler, 35 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*



It is no secret that God calls us to be generous with the gifts He has given us. Throughout the Bible, we read that just as God has generously given to us, so are we to give generously one to another. As Jesus said, “By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another” (John 13:35) and “Be merciful, even as your Father is merciful” (Luke 6:36).

But God also calls us to give to Him. And He, who does all things well, presses it into service for the benefit of all the people of God. See for example what God spoke to Moses on Mount Sinai, after he and the people were safely brought out of Egypt across the Red Sea on dry land:

The Lord said to Moses, “Speak to the people of Israel, that they take for me a contribution. From every man whose heart moves him you shall receive the contribution for me. And this is the contribution that you shall receive from them: gold, silver, and bronze, blue and purple and scarlet yarns and fine twined linen, goats' hair, tanned rams' skins, goatskins,[a] acacia wood, oil for the lamps, spices for the anointing oil and for the fragrant incense, onyx stones, and stones for setting, for the ephod and for the breastpiece. And let them make me a sanctuary, that I may dwell in their midst. Exactly as I show you concerning the pattern of the tabernacle, and of all its furniture, so you shall make it. (Ex. 25: 1-9)

Notice in verse two that the Lord instructs Moses to tell the Israelites to “take for me a contribution” and that from everyone motivated from gratitude for what God has just accomplished and given to them, Moses is to gather up “the contribution for me.”

Pay attention, though, why the Lord wants the people of Israel to gather up these contributions for Him. God tells Moses precisely why: “let them make me a sanctuary, that I may dwell in their midst.” The purpose for the contribution of the Israelites was so that He may dwell with them, that He would live among them. Through the tabernacle and the priesthood, through their rites and ceremonies, through their feasts and festivals, as through means, the Lord God, who brought them out of the bondage of Egypt would live and dwell among them and be their God, and lead them into the promised land, which flowed with milk and honey.

God dwells among us still. In the fullness of time, God’s son was born of woman, born under the law to redeem those under the law. He brought us out of bondage to sin, death, the devil, and Hell, and He did this by His obedient suffering and death, his resurrection and ascension. But He is not gone. He dwells with us through the means of His Word and His sacraments, through the preaching and the teaching of our pastors, through the rites and ceremonies of our liturgy. He dwells with us in the Church through those means. And He is leading us to the true promised land, to the new heavens and the new earth in the new creation.

In the meantime, as God, even now, continues to call us to give to Him, let us, who have been saved from slavery to sin and death, the devil and hell, be so moved in our hearts as to give generously to Him so that the means of grace, the means of His gracious dwelling among us, would continue now and into the future. For just as He did then so does He do now. He presses the gifts given to Him into service for the benefit of all His people. He puts it to use so that we may have Him with us always, even unto the end of the age.