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*“Be still and know that I am God. I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth!”
Psalm 46:10*

As March begins, we are excited to celebrate Lutheran Schools Week on March 3rd-9th. The theme is “Real. Present. God.” based on Psalm 46. We have many exciting things planned for our celebration.

Sunday, March 3rd: Worship at the School, 10:30 a.m.
Students sing during the service
LYF Soup Luncheon following the service
School Roller Skating Party @ RollaRena 5:30-7:30 p.m.

Monday, March 4th: *Crazy Hat & Sock Day (K-5) Alliteration Day (PreK)*
Michael Fitzsimmons, Dancing Drum Music Assembly at 9:00 a.m.
Christine Boone Presentation at 2:00 p.m. (K-2) & 2:30 p.m. (3-5)

Tuesday, March 5th: *Alliteration Day (PS-5)*
Gather Stuffed Animals for Beatrice Fire and Rescue
Drum work in classes with Michael Fitzsimmons

Wednesday, March 6th: *Wear Red for Jesus’ Love Day! (K-5) Pajama Day (PreK)*
Chapel at 8:30 a.m. Outdoor Drone Photo

Thursday, March 7th: *Pajama Day (PS-5)*
Dress Rehearsal for Grandparent’s Day at 9:30 a.m.

Friday, March 8th: *School Spirit Day (PreK-5)*
Grandparents Day Program at 10:00 a.m.

Our Grandparents Day Program will be held on Friday, March 8th at 10:00 a.m. An exciting program has been planned by the students in Kindergarten through Grade 5, including a drum presentation by our artist in residence, Michael Fitzsimmons! 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 over \$8,000 this year! This money will be used for the school and classroom libraries, as well as adding some planter boxes, edging, and more mulch for the butterfly garden beds in the Outdoor Classroom at St. Paul’s Lutheran School.

March 8th brings us to the end of the 3rd quarter of the school year. We will enjoy a Spring Break on March 11th through the 15th after the busyness of Lutheran Schools Week!

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 (2019-2020). If you are interested or know of someone interested in information about our school or want 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:

- 3 to 9 – National Lutheran Schools Week
- 8 – Grandparent's Day (program at 10am)
- 8 – End of 3rd Quarter
- 11 to 15 – No School/Spring Break

Our St. Paul's students will be singing in church
 on the following Sundays:
 Mar. 3, April 14, and May 12.
Dates are subject to change.





Every Wednesday during Lent

- 4:30pm Lenten Service
- 5:00pm Lenten Supper
- Meals are served by various boards of the congregation*
- 7:00pm Lenten Service

*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.

Church Photo Directory



Coming Soon...Save the Date

Do you know the names of the people sitting around you?
 Help us build a tool that will put names with faces.

Be a part of our new family directory – we need YOU to make it complete. Photos will be taken by Lifetouch Photography
 May 20-23, 2019.

Sign-up for a time to have your family photographed beginning April 1, 2019. Watch the bulletin and newsletter for more information.



LILIES FOR EASTER SEASON 2019

During the 2019 Easter Season, we will again decorate our church with lilies. The price is \$16.00 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 Monday, April 1st with your money. The plants may be picked up following the second service on Sunday, April 21, 2019. 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 \$16.00 each. Please make checks payable to St. Paul's Lutheran Church.

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:

Those who worked to put the float in the Christmas Parade - Great job on our St. Paul's float in the Christmas Parade.

Thank you to all our volunteers, but especially to those who worked to put the float in the Christmas Parade for this newsletter period. We encourage congregational members to nominate someone.



BEATRICE CIRCUIT SCHOLARSHIPS:

Students seeking church worker training at any Synod University or Seminary may be eligible for a Scholarship from the Scholarship Fund of St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Beatrice. Applications are to be submitted by April 15, 2019. Please request application forms via e-mail: stpaulbeatrice@gmail.com or via phone: Kelly Mees, Office Manager, 402-228-1540.

LWML SCHOLARSHIP

The Nebraska South District Lutheran Women's Missionary League (LWML) hopes to encourage students preparing to serve the church through full-time church work with our gift of love in the form of a scholarship. Information and applications may be obtained from the student's local LWML society or at www.lwmlnesouth.org. Completed applications are due **June 1, 2019**. For direct questions, contact Heidi Crawford at hcrawford777@gmail.com.

LLL SCHOLARSHIP

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 or phone 402-655-2254. Information and downloadable forms are also available on the website of the Nebraska District LC-MS (www.ndlcms.org). Applications are due in mid-May of 2019, 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.

2019 CM CARES RELIGIOUS SCHOLARS PROGRAM

For the third year in a row, CM (Church Mutual) CARES will award up to \$250,000 in scholarships to deserving graduate-level religious scholars. Fifty scholarship winners will each receive a \$5,000 award that may be used to pay for tuition, fees, books, or other costs of attending school during the 2019-20 academic year. We encourage students of all faiths to apply.

To be eligible for this scholarship, a student must:

- Be enrolled full-time or part-time in a graduate or doctorate degree program in theology, ministry, or other religious field of study at an accredited or conditionally accredited theological seminary, college, or university for the 2019-20 academic year.
- Maintain a GPA of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale (or its equivalent)
- Be committed to entering the practice of full-time ministry in the United States.
- Demonstrate personal impact through education, work experience, and volunteerism.

Each scholarship is one-time, non-renewable award. Previous winners are no eligible. Go to <https://www.scholarsapply.org/cmcares-scholars/> to apply. Scholarship applications must be submitted by April 15, 2019.

CALLING OUR NEXT PASTOR: At the Special Voters' Meeting on January 20th, St. Paul's extended a call to Rev. Timothy Geitz of Grace Lutheran Church, Le Mars, IA. Pastor Geitz has respectfully declined our call. Continue to pray for the Lord's blessings on our congregation and for God to send a faithful shepherd our way to guide the flock as St. Paul's Lutheran Church.

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.

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

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 tbrisois@gmail.com.

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.

CHURCH SERVICES: We will be having church service in the school gym at 10:30 AM on 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.

LYF SOUP LUNCHEON: St. Paul's LYF will host a soup luncheon on Sunday, March 3, 11:30am to 1:00pm at the school (immediately following the 10:30am service in the gym). Please join the LYF for great food and fellowship. Proceeds to be used for youth to attend the National Youth Gathering.

St. Paul's Night Out at Burger King: Please mark your calendars for our next PTL Night Out! On Monday, March 4th from 5 to 8 p.m., Burger King will donate 20% of all proceeds to St. Paul's Lutheran PTL. We would love for you to join us as we eat out with our church and school community, while supporting our school!

FOR YOUR INFORMATION: Would you like to have a new type of devotion each day? Here are two that you can listen to or read from your computer or smartphone. Each are 4 to 5 minutes in length. The first one is from Lutheran Ministries and the website is www.lhm.org. The second one is by Rev. Ken Klaus former Lutheran Hour speaker and the website is www.thesaviorsstory.com. For each of these you go to the website and click on the daily devotion line. Enjoy.

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.

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. These products make great wedding, anniversary, or birthday gifts. Or maybe it's time to enhance your own kitchen. Please check out the products. When ordering online it doesn't take long for you to receive them in your home. Please contact Tamra D'Andrea or the church office for more details.

LWML GAZETTE

March 2019

St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Beatrice, NE

LWML Spring Fling

Saturday, March 2, 2019

9:30-11:30am

In the church basement

Theme: "JOY and Laughter in Christ"

Psalm 126:2

A light breakfast will be served.

Come enjoy a morning filled with laughter.

Everyone is welcome to attend.

LWML members are asked to check with your circle on what you are to bring.

Watch the bulletin for more updates!

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!

Beatrice Zone Spring Workshop

March 16, 30 or April 6, 2019

9:00-1:00pm

Host Site: First Trinity Lutheran Church,
Beatrice

Theme: " _____ "

Watch the bulletin for more updates and for the date to be announced!

Nebraska South LWML Website

www.lwmlnesouth.org

LWML Executive Board Meetings

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

Seek & Serve Day Nebraska North & South Districts

Registration due
April 15. Cost is \$15. April 27, 2019
9:00-4:00pm

Host Site: St. John Lutheran Church, Seward

Theme: "Lavished Love!"

Making: Weighted blankets and Taggy Blankets
for Lutheran Family Services

Watch the bulletin for more updates!

Assembly of Leaders Training

March 31, 2019

1:00-4:00pm

Host Site: St. Paul's Lutheran Church,
Beatrice

For all LWML Members. RSVP to Kelly by
March 18th.

Executive Board is providing refreshments.

Mother/Daughter Banquet

May 1, 2019

6:30-8:30pm

In the church basement

Watch the bulletin for more updates!

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 March 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.



CONGREGATIONAL
MEETING

**Second Quarter Voters' Meeting
Sunday, April 14, 2019**

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

March Birthdays & Anniversaries - 2019

Happy Birthday to...

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

Happy Anniversary to...

7 Jon & Kari Murray, 24 yrs.	21 Robert & Vicki Frerking, 33 yrs.
9 Junior & Tammy Lofing, 31 yrs. Leonard & Evelyn Wortman, 51 yrs.	27 Richard & Mary Scheve, 48 yrs. 30 Vernon & Marjorie Rogge, 28 yrs.
11 Eric & Anna Bledsaw, 19 yrs.	31 Steven & Phyllis Schmidt, 40 yrs.
15 Kevin & Shirley Petersen, 33 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*



Everything we have and everything we are is a gift of God's providential care. We understand that we're not islands unto ourselves. We could not exist without those who have gone before us and those who walk alongside us. God has given us forefathers in family, country, and faith. We are recipients of what God worked through them. We know God provides for our well-being through these means.

He gives us farmers and ranchers so we can eat. But more than that, God created and gave us all the things those farmers and ranchers cultivate. He gave us the corn, the beans, the wheat, the cows for milking, the steers for grilling. He gave each of those things for our nourishment and sustenance. Without God creating and instilling in those things their taste, their nutritional value, etc., we would not exist.

God gives us doctors, surgeons, nurses, and hospitals. He gives us medicine and medical instruments, and, of course, He gave us everything to make those medicines and medical instruments. He instilled in those things the properties to be utilized for those purposes. Without God creating and instilling healing properties into those things – and without God creating the ability within man to learn this and implement it to serve our medical needs – we would not enjoy the health we do now.

But there's more. He gives us gainful employment through our employers and provides for the necessities of life through the labor of our hands:

“Then Moses said to the people of Israel, ‘See, the Lord has called by name Bezalel the son of Uri, son of Hur, of the tribe of Judah; and he has filled him with the Spirit of God, with skill, with intelligence, with knowledge, and with all craftsmanship, to devise artistic designs, to work in gold and silver and bronze, in cutting stones for setting, and in carving wood, for work in every skilled craft. And he has inspired him to teach, both him and Oholiab the son of Ahisamach of the tribe of Dan.’” (Exodus 35:30–34)

And one step back from that, He has created and given us hands, and attached to hands are arms with strength. He created us with minds to make those arms and hands move and accomplish the work set before us. And with that mind, He has given us reason and senses.

That mind, because of the reason God has instilled in it, is able to work through difficult problems before we press those arms and hands into labor. It allows us to grapple with concepts and run through scenarios instead of having to experience every situation personally. It allows us to learn from the mistakes, as well as from the accomplishments, of ourselves and others. This can be done for our entire body, all our skills and talents, everything that makes us ... us.

So, everything we have and everything we are is a gift from Him. This is what we confess in the First Article of the Creed when we say that we “believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.”

But that is just the First Article of the Creed. We confess two more articles that deal with God's provision for our spiritual well-being. He sent his Son to die and be raised on the third day for our justification. He delivers that justification through the means of grace (baptism, preaching and the Word of God, and the Lord's Supper). And to give you those means of grace, He gives pastors and teachers, etc. Literally everything we have and everything we are in this life – and the next – is an inexpressible gift from God.

And it is for this, all of this, that we give thanks. And that is what stewardship is all about — giving thanks for God's provision for us. To give thanks is more than having an attitude of gratitude, more than just a feeling in our hearts.

It is an action. It begins in the heart, but it doesn't stay there. It works its way out through the mouth in praise for God's gifts and in love and charity through the hands to our neighbors in family, country, and church.

“For all this it is my duty to thank and praise, serve and obey him” (*The Small Catechism*, 16).

So give thanks to God for His inexpressible gifts — for everything we have and everything we are. Do this not only in word but also in deed.



Monday, March 25 7:00 Weekday Service of Holy Communion

Wednesday, March 27 4:30 Lenten Service
 5:00 Supper - served by Elders
 7:00 Lenten Service

GOD'S WILL AND MY IDENTITY...Join us for the Thy Will Be Done special service for Week 3 of Lent. In this service we remember that, in humility, Mary dutifully accepted the role God had given her to become the mother of our Savior. That Son would later accept his role, faithfully following the path his Father had in mind for him to save us all.

Sunday, March 31 8:00 Divine Service
 9:15 Bible Class/Sunday School
 10:30 Divine Service

Monday, April 1 7:00 Weekday Service of Holy Communion

Wednesday, April 3 4:30 Lenten Service
 5:00 Supper - served by Board of Christian Ed
 7:00 Lenten Service

GOD'S WILL AND MY WORLDVIEW...Join us for the Thy Will Be Done special service for Week 4 of Lent. In this service we remember that, on the road to Damascus, Paul had his worldview turned upside down when God called him to preach the name of the Christ he had been persecuting. We follow God's will by putting the crucified Christ at the center of our worldview.

Sunday, April 7 8:00 Divine Service
 9:15 Bible Class/Sunday School
 10:30 Service at the School

Monday, April 8 7:00 Weekday Service of Holy Communion

Wednesday, April 10 4:30 Lenten Service
 5:00 Supper - served by Trustees
 7:00 Lenten Service

GOD'S WILL AND MY RESPONSE...Join us for the Thy Will Be Done special service for Week 5 of Lent. In this service we remember that Lydia, followed the will of God by responding in faith and hospitality when the Gospel message of Christ's sacrifice was preached to her. We follow the will of God by responding in love and service to one another in return for what Christ has done for us.

Sunday, April 14 8:00 Divine Service
 9:15 Bible Class/Sunday School
 10:30 Divine Service



Monday, April 15 7:00 Weekday Service of Holy Communion

Thursday, April 18 4:30 Divine Service - Maundy Thursday
7:00 Divine Service - Altar Stripping

GOD'S WILL AND JOYFUL SERVICE...Join us for the Thy Will Be Done special service for Maundy Thursday. In this service we remember that Christ asks his disciples to wash one another's feet, as he has washed theirs, for the joy that was set before him. Serving one another with joy is a tribute to him who is the Servant of All.

Friday, April 19 4:30 Good Friday Service
7:00 Tenebrae

GOD'S WILL IS DONE...Join us for the Thy Will Be Done special service for Good Friday. In this service we remember that on the cross Christ followed through with the will of God, crying out, "It is finished" as he breathed his last. This ultimate sacrifice serves as a model to look at our lives as a holy sacrifice to him.

Sunday, April 21 EASTER SUNDAY
6:00 Sunrise Service
8:00 Divine Service
No Bible Class or Sunday School
10:30 Divine Service

(NOTE: Times may change for Easter Sunday Services. Please watch the bulletin and April Newsletter for the correct times.)

Monday, April 22 7:00 Weekday Service of Holy Communion