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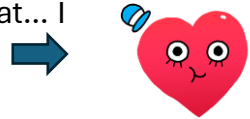


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From the Pastor:



First and foremost, Karen, Andrew, and I wish to thank the whole congregation for the very big surprise of your letters, cards, prayers, and gifts to support our trip to Boston, for my running in the Boston Marathon! That was so very kind and generous! Just thinking of the support of my family of faith will add to this life-changing experience. I really do love running, and it has been a joy going through two training cycles since the Lincoln Marathon last May. I feel ready to go, after my shakeout 10K race in Wichita last weekend. I thank God for keeping me healthy and injury free. Now, I have “the taper” as my workouts will get progressively easier leading up to the race. I’m so excited to think that last Monday’s run was my last run of 20+ miles until I actually run in Boston. I have to repeat that... I actually run in Boston! And you’ll be right there with me, in my heart.



Blessings to all of you as we have Holy Week, and our Holy (Maundy) Thursday, Good Friday, Easter Sunrise, and Easter Day services ahead. I’m looking forward to observing these holy days with all of you. God’s blessings as you devote time to worship, repentance, prayer, sanctification, and the Word of the Lord. As we’ve done for the past few years, we’ll have the stripping of the altar on Holy Thursday, a Tenebrae sequence on Good Friday, and separate sermons for each service on Easter. I’m looking forward to Easter Breakfast, too!

I’m seeking out ways of serving the community, and possibly even volunteering as a chaplain for our law enforcement personnel here in Beatrice, since I have so much experience as a chaplain. Here, many of you have beat me to the punch, though, and you serve the community in a variety of ways. If you have a personal Bible study group or volunteer in other ways to serve the community, I’d very much welcome a visit on how our congregation can come along side of you and help you in your volunteer work. That’s what we’re here for, and it only expands the ministry we can offer!

One further way you can help me is to reach me on my phone! I know that sounds obvious, but it can really speed things along if you put me on your phone’s contact list, especially since my number is a little unusual for Nebraska. It’s 715-305-8667. That way, we avoid playing phone tag, and it’s a lot easier to call me, too, and get a hold of me, pronto. It saves a few steps, and I’m always glad to get phone calls or text messages. It’s also great when you like, love, comment, and share our online offerings, including streamed church services and devotions. It can be a way that you witness to your faith and spread the word about St. Paul’s, too!

Lastly, keep on keeping on in our “Read Through the Bible” program. I’ve personally enjoyed the live daily devotions as well as the arrangement of readings in the “One Year Bible.” Here is the schedule for April, (which, as you might know, begins with a rather special day) so you always can double check what the readings are:

- April 1: Deuteronomy 18:1-20:20; Luke 9:28-50; Psalm 73:1-28; Proverbs 12:10
- April 2: Deuteronomy 21:1-22:30; Luke 9:51-10:12; Psalm 74:1-23; Proverbs 12:11

- April 3: Deuteronomy 23:1-25:19; Luke 10:13-37; Psalm 75:1-10; Proverbs 12:12-14
- April 4: Deuteronomy 26:1-27:26; Luke 10:38-11:13; Psalm 76:1-12; Proverbs 12:15-17
- April 5: Deuteronomy 28:1-68; Luke 11:14-36; Psalm 77:1-20; Proverbs 12:18
- April 6: Deuteronomy 29:1-30:20; Luke 11:37-12:7; Psalm 78:1-31; Proverbs 12:19-20
- April 7: Deuteronomy 31:1-32:27; Luke 12:8-34; Psalm 78:32-55; Proverbs 12:21-23
- April 8: Deuteronomy 32:28-52; Luke 12:35-59; Psalm 78:56-64; Proverbs 12:24
- April 9: Deuteronomy 33:1-29; Luke 13:1-21; Psalm 78:65-72; Proverbs 12:25
- April 10: Deuteronomy 34:1-Joshua 2:24; Luke 13:22-14:6; Psalm 79:1-13; Proverbs 12:26
- April 11: Joshua 3:1-4:24; Luke 14:7-35; Psalm 80:1-19; Proverbs 12:27-28
- April 12: Joshua 5:1-7:15; Luke 15:1-32; Psalm 81:1-16; Proverbs 13:1
- April 13: Joshua 7:16-9:2; Luke 16:1-18; Psalm 82:1-8; Proverbs 13:2-3
- April 14: Joshua 9:3-10:43; Luke 16:19-17:10; Psalm 83:1-18; Proverbs 13:4
- April 15: Joshua 11:1-12:24; Luke 17:11-37; Psalm 84:1-12; Proverbs 13:5-6
- April 16: Joshua 13:1-14:15; Luke 18:1-17; Psalm 85:1-13; Proverbs 13:7-8
- April 17: Joshua 15:1-63; Luke 18:18-43; Psalm 86:1-17; Proverbs 13:9-10
- April 18: Joshua 16:1-18:28; Luke 19:1-27; Psalm 87:1-7; Proverbs 13:11
- April 19: Joshua 19:1-20:9; Luke 19:28-48; Psalm 88:1-18; Proverbs 13:12-14
- April 20: Joshua 21:1-22:20; Luke 20:1-26; Psalm 89:1-13; Proverbs 13:15-16
- April 21: Joshua 22:21-23:16; Luke 20:27-47; Psalm 89:14-37; Proverbs 13:17-19
- April 22: Joshua 24:1-33; Luke 21:1-28; Psalm 89:38-52; Proverbs 13:20-23
- April 23: Judges 1:1-2:9; Luke 21:29-22:13; Psalm 90:1-91:16; Proverbs 13:24-25
- April 24: Judges 2:10-3:31; Luke 22:14-34; Psalm 92:1-93:5; Proverbs 14:1-2
- April 25: Judges 4:1-5:31; Luke 22:35-53; Palm 94:1-23; Proverbs 14:3-4
- April 26: Judges 6:1-40; Luke 22:54-23:12; Psalm 95:1-96:13; Proverbs 14:5-6
- April 27: Judges 7:1-8:17; Luke 23:13-43; Psalm 97:1-98:9; Proverbs 14:7-8
- April 28: Judges 8:18-9:21; Luke 23:44-24:12; Psalm 99:1-9; Proverbs 14:9-10
- April 29: Judges 9:22-10:18; Luke 24:13-53; Psalm 100:1-5; Proverbs 14:11-12
- April 30: Judges 11:1-12:15; John 1:1-28; Psalm 101:1-8; Proverbs 14:13-14

Blessings as you join in this wonderful Bible-reading challenge! As Easter ends, with all its excitement, and as before too long, it will be summer, I want to further challenge you towards faithfulness in worship, confident that God will richly bless you and work in your life through the power of His Spirit and the power of His Word and the strength that comes from the mutual conversation and consolation of the saints. You're always welcome for Bible Study on Sunday, too, but even if you don't stay for the study, you're always very, very welcome to come downstairs for food, coffee, and fellowship! It always takes me a little time to transition into Bible study mode, so there's plenty of time to encourage and catch up with your brothers and sisters in the faith in our St. Paul's family following the Divine Service! Take care!



In Christ's love,
Rev. Daryn Bahn

8:00am-5:00pm,
Monday thru Thursday, and
Saturday.

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



Pastor Bahn's office hours will typically include but are not limited to from 10am to 12pm Tues.-Fri. Whether working in his church office, at the study in the parsonage, or out in the community, Pastor Bahn is always available and looks forward to the blessing of your company! Please call or text him at 715-305-8667 any time to get together or just to talk!
Thanks!



Every Sunday
8:00am - on KWBE 1450AM
9:00am - Divine Service



ADULT BIBLE CLASS

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS

Plan now to join us 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.

Second Quarter Voters' Meeting
Sunday, April 21, 2024

Voters' Meeting at 10:15am in the church sanctuary.

Plan now to attend.



CONGREGATIONAL
MEETING

April Birthdays & Anniversaries - 2024

Happy Birthday to...

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| 1 Daryn Bahn
Colby Huls | 14 Aaron Leach
Lawrence Sohl
Carolina VanLaningham | 23 Mark Engler
Joyce Oltman
Travus Snyder |
| 2 Alysia Brethouwer | 15 Vernon Minge
Tatum Robinson
Janet Trout | 24 Rhonda Easley
Rodney Lueders |
| 3 John Hill | 16 Myrna Spilker | 25 Marlene Gakle
Jeffrey Junker
Natasha Leach |
| 4 Shelbi Ankersen | 17 Debra Kolman | Karlee Rademacher
Bonnie Riekenberg |
| 5 Robert Ankersen
Virginia Thomas | 18 Marjorie Itzen | 26 Steven Norton |
| 6 Terri Brejcha
Sue Fisher
Chris Schulz | 19 Virgil Anderson
Chloe Busboom
Trevor Garton | 27 Joanna Gellermann-Long
Jami Thavenet
Jacob Wright |
| 9 Crystal Henshaw
Lawrence Johnsen
Tanna Kimmerling
Max Rix
Chelsey Fralin
William Wehling | 20 Kolbie Himmelberg | 29 Brock Ankersen
Zane Brown |
| 11 Kevin Rahe | 21 Alison Helmke
Haven Lattimore
Thelma Loemker | 30 Samuel Busboom
Jeremiah Klaus
Cassandra Knoop |
| 13 Peggy Doering
Lacey Jurgens | 22 Willis Crouse
Kaylin Hagemeyer
Quintin Hartig | |

Happy Anniversary to...

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| 5 Martin & Marlene Seckel Jr., 61 yrs. | 29 Travus & Kaylie Snyder, 7 yrs. |
| 23 Bryan & Renee McAllister, 36 yrs. | 30 James & Rose Pittman, 30 yrs. |
| 28 Brian & Megan Rix, 12 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*



Whose Is It Anyway?

If you have every bought or sold a house, you are acquainted with the concept of a “title search.” Before you can sell your house, and before anyone else will feel comfortable putting down the money to buy it, you have to prove that you really own it. So a title company looks through the public records to ensure that you bought it from the person who really owned it, who bought it from the person who really owned it before that, all the way back to the earliest records of your state, including when your state was only a territory or colony of England.

Peak into a preschool classroom during playtime and you’ll see a simplified version of this. A child starts playing with a ball, but another child says, “That’s mine: I had it first.”

You can’t understand the Seventh Commandment without understanding this concept of ownership or title. As the Small Catechism puts it:

You shall not steal. What does this mean? We should fear and love God so that we do not take our neighbor’s money or possessions, or get them in any dishonest way, but help him to improve and protect his possessions and income.

Your neighbor’s possessions are *his*: you don’t have a right to take them. And likewise, your possessions are yours. Ownership and property rights are foundational to any functioning society.

But there is something deeper to know about ownership, and that is the question of who has the title and ownership *to you*? Paul says, “Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, whom you have from God? You are not your own, for you were bought with a price” (1 Cor. 6:19–20).

If you yourself are owned by God, then of course everything that you own, you really only possess by God’s leave: all of it, at bottom, belongs to Him since *you* belong to Him. For you were bought with the blood of Christ.

This notion is the foundation of all Christian stewardship. It all belongs to God. It should all be used for things that bring honor to His name, blessings to our neighbors and the extension of His kingdom.

– LCMS Stewardship Ministry: lcms.org/stewardship



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April School News

*“Ask rain from the LORD in the season of the spring rain, from the LORD who makes the storm clouds, and he will give them showers of rain, to everyone the vegetation in the field.”
Zechariah 10:1*

April is always a fun-filled month at school. We have numerous field trips, our school musical, and our Wine Tasting Event to look forward to. We also look forward to spring weather and fun together in the sunshine enjoying God’s creation!

Our school spelling bee will be held on Tuesday, April 9th beginning at 6:00 p.m. Please come and watch our brave school students try their best at oral spelling to win a ribbon!

Our school musicals will be held on Friday, April 19th in the school gymnasium. The preschool, pre-kindergarten, and kindergarten will present their songs and plays at 6:00 p.m. After the Early Childhood Musical, we will ask everyone to exit the gym for a quick cleaning and reset, then we will proceed with our 1st-5th grade presentation of “O Chicken of Little Faith” beginning at 7:15 p.m.

The annual Wine Tasting fundraiser is set for Friday, April 26th. The event will be held at the Red Barn farm from 6:30-10:00 p.m. Tickets are now available for purchase, and we thank you for your support of this PTL fundraiser and hope you can join us for an evening of fun.

We are presently taking applications for the 2024-2025 school year for the Preschool (3-year-old) and Pre-Kindergarten (4-year-old) class sessions, as well as students in Grades K-5. Anyone interested in enrolling should contact the school office at 402-223-3414 for an application.

We thank you for your continued support of our school collections. We collect Tyson A+ labels, Best Choice Labels, and Box Tops for Education (which must be submitted online). The Russ’s Market collection ended on March 31st. We need all Russ’ receipts turned in by Tuesday, April 2nd for submission. Thanks for assisting with these collections!

Happy Spring, Mrs. Duever



March Character Ed Winners



Crazy Hair Lutheran Schools Week



Crazy Hats at Dress Up Day



April at St. Paul's Lutheran School:

- 19 - School Musical
Pre-School, Pre-K and Kindergarten program at 6pm
Grades 1-5 program at 7pm
- 26 - Sack Lunch Day

Our St. Paul's students will be singing in church
at 9:00am on the following Sundays:

Dates are subject to change.

April 14

Our St. Paul's students will be singing at the school
at 10:30am on the following Sundays:

Dates are subject to change.

May 19



RUSS'S MARKET RECEIPTS & SCHOOL COLLECTIONS: Russ's Market cash register receipts will be collected until March 31st. Other items you can collect to support or school: Box Tops for Education (must be submitted electronically); Best Choice, Our Family Labels and Tyson A+ Labels. All these collections can be submitted to the school office or the box in the narthex, and we thank you for helping to support our school!



Radio Broadcasts, Bulletin, & Quarterly Children's Bulletin Sponsorships

are currently being scheduled for 2024.

There are currently many dates available to choose from for 2024.

You can sponsor them in honor, memory, or recognition of someone.

Radio sponsorship cost \$100, bulletin sponsorship cost \$25 and children's bulletin sponsorship costs \$40.

Due to the increase cost of paper, the cost of the bulletin sponsorships for 2024 has increased \$5.

Please call Kelly in the church office if you are interested in sponsoring a date or quarter.



Car Wash Tickets:

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



St. Paul's Youth Group meets the 2nd and 4th Sunday of every month. Meetings are held at the school from 5-7pm. Youth plan now to join us at our next meeting for an activity, food, and a Bible Study. Watch the bulletin for more information.

Questions you may contact Amy Duever 785-614-3393 or Joanna Gellermann-Long 425-591-5318.



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<https://subsplash.com/st-pauls-lutheran-chur/app>



On the app you'll have access to Scripture, Events, Messaging for various church groups, Media, Live Streams, other content, sermon notes, important notifications, etc. Special note: now, for online giving, you can simply do that through the app, once you get your account set up. If you have any questions, please contact pastor or Kelly. (Powered by Subsplash)



THANK YOU to everyone who helped pack the LWML kits for the Orphan Grain Train on March 17th. As a group we were able to pack 21 School Kits, 63 Hygiene Kits, 16 Layette Kits, and 31 Sewing Kits. Totaling 131 kits. A total of 14 boxes were placed on the Orphan Grain Train semi this past Wednesday.

SPRING FLING

Save
the
Date



You are
invited

May Day Celebration Salad Supper Wednesday May 1, 2024 6:30-8:30pm in the fellowship hall Theme: *Patterns for Living*

A pattern is an original or model of something created for the purpose of imitation. It is something designed to be copied or imitated. For example, in the western world clothing is created from patterns. A dress pattern is placed on material and the material cut according to the pattern. Many dresses can be created from the same pattern and they will all be identical because they came from the same pattern. A Biblical pattern is a spiritual model or example given in Scripture for purposes of imitation. For example, the life of Jesus Christ is given as a pattern or model which believers are to follow. Join us as we look at our daily patterns for life verses the patterns Jesus would want us to follow.

Everyone is invited to bring a salad to share and a small gift to be included in a May Day Basket to one of our shut-ins. Example of gifts: package of Kleenex, note pads, pens, candy, crackers, religious items, etc.

RUMMAGE SALE!

We Want Your Stuff!

Spread the Word!

St. Paul's 1st Annual Rummage Sale will be held on Saturday, June 1st from 7:30am to 4:00pm at St. Paul's Lutheran School Gymnasium.

Preview Sale - Friday, May 31st 5-7pm
(\$10 entrance fee for preview sale)

Drop off days & times:

Wednesday, May 29 9am-12pm & 5-8pm
Thursday, May 30 9am-12pm & 5-8pm
Friday, May 31 9am-12pm

Spread the word! Please drop off all donations in the school gymnasium.

In addition to the actual drop off and sale days/times, volunteers are needed before & after as well! Can you help?

Clean up – Saturday, June 1st from 5-8pm.

If you would like to volunteer for this event, please contact the church office.

While we will be advertising around town and online, the absolute best form of advertising is word of mouth, so please tell your family & friends about our Rummage Sale! Also, be on the lookout for Facebook posts that can be shared as well!

All proceeds from this year's sale will benefit the start-up costs of the Fall Festival and the St. Paul's Foundation. St. Paul's ministry provides so much love & support to our church and school families and is an important way for us to show and share God's love with others.

Do you have a pick-up truck or enclosed trailer we could use on June 1st during clean up? If so, please contact the church office 402-228-1540.



Items not accepted as donations:

TVs of any kind, mattresses, car seats, entertainment centers, encyclopedias, or any broken items.

Please make sure items are clean when you drop them off.

AFFORDABLE PRICES



ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN FOUNDATION was established in 1985. The purpose is to receive funds from donors, to be used to assist in relieving the financial demands upon St. Paul's Church and School. The interest earned on the monies from the donations are given to the church and school. Over the past years, almost \$585,000.00 has been given to the church and school.

Please consider remembering the Foundation when you are doing your charitable gifts and your estate planning. If you would like more information or would like to make a donation, please contact any of the following board members: Rod Aden 402-239-5305, Wayne Schulz, Rich Scheve, Phyllis Schmidt 402-806-0921, or Gary Swanson.



SAVE THE DATE - FRIDAY, April 26th!

On Friday, April 26th, St. Paul's Lutheran School will hold their fifth Wine and Ale Tasting Event at the Red Barn Farm.

This is the main PTL fundraising event. Please plan to join us for an evening of fun! Contact Laura-Leigh Norris with any questions: lauraleighn514@gmail.com or 402-429-2591.



**Thank You to all who
contributed an
Easter Lily**

In memory of Ruby Fisher, given by Craig & Julie Fisher

In memory of Bill Himmelberg, given by Linda Himmelberg

In memory of Elmer & Clare Johnson, Leo Pacha, and Jenny Prieur, given by Mike & Dixie Johnson

In thanksgiving for God's many blessings, given by Ken & Carla Loemker

In memory of Fritz & Viola Scheele, Ray Vanschoiack, Lawrence & Shirley Kumm, and Luane Kumm,
given by Cliff & Rowien Kumm

In memory of Al Mentgen, given by Candy Mentgen, Heather & Andi Dickson & Family, Ashley Mentgen
& Family, and Adam & Carley Mentgen

In memory of Elvin & Joy Waltke, given by Cheri McConnell, Cindy Weise and their families

In memory of Norbert Meyer and Spec. Brandon Meyer, given by Tena Meyer, Pastor Terry Meyer,
Pastor Rick Meyer, and Families

In memory of Charlsie Morris, given by David & Chris Morris

In memory of my parents Gerhard & Ethel Stohs and my great grandson, Oliver, given by Sharon Naaf
Wayne & Chris Schulz

Lawrence & Norma Sohl

Arvid & Althea Wiest

In memory of Wayne Zimmerman, given by Vivian Zimmerman



"GIVE KIDS HOPE. TAKE THE CREDIT."

Nebraska taxpayers can now claim a **1:1 state income tax credit** for contributions to fund scholarships for Nebraska kids, especially those from lower-income families, to attend a private school of their parent's choice.

Who can participate?

Individuals, businesses, estates and trusts with state income tax liability.

Why should I participate?

You can help provide tuition assistance for Nebraska families in need and receive a dollar-for-dollar tax credit, up to \$100k (\$1m for estates and trusts) or 50% of your state income tax liability.

How do I contribute?

Email givehope@nebraskaopportunity.org or visit nebraskaopportunity.org/giving to apply for a tax credit contribution.



www.nebraskaopportunity.org

Tax Credit Scholarships through the Opportunity Scholarship Act (LB753)

In 2023, the Nebraska State Legislature passed The Opportunity Scholarships Act (LB753), which is a scholarship tax credit program.

Taxpayers in Nebraska, whether individuals, businesses, estates, and trusts with state income tax liability, can claim a 1:1 tax credit for contributions to fund scholarships. The official Scholarship Granting Organization (SGO) for Nebraska District Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod schools is called Opportunity Scholarships of Nebraska. This state-approved scholarship granting organization will use those dollars to provide scholarships to eligible students.

The Opportunity Scholarships Act gives priority to children from the lowest-income families first, along with the qualifiers above, giving final priority to families making less than 300% of the federal Free and Reduced Lunch rate.

Bob Ziegler, Nebraska District executive for education and youth, explains, "We believe this is a matter of wise stewardship (Mark 12:17) since 'Caesar' (the Nebraska government) is saying that 50% of what you owe in taxes can be given to help children attend a faith-based school on needs-based scholarships instead of paying the government." Details about giving to or applying for these scholarships, and information for congregations and schools to share can be found [ON OUR WEBSITE](#).

We encourage you to begin participating by utilizing these tax credits as soon as possible through [Opportunity Scholarships of Nebraska](#).

This act is currently being challenged. Learn more about the challenge at [THIS LINK](#).