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Beatrice, Nebraska**

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## Read-Through-the-Bible Update

I sure have enjoyed the read-through-the-Bible, even though it's been exhausting! I basically put about a half-a-sermon study in on each devotion, but going more in-depth than the first time through has been a true blessing. I've also enjoyed adding in some videos from Andrew's and my hikes at Fontenelle! I hope you have enjoyed this series of devotions, too. One blessing has been our look at the 119<sup>th</sup> Psalm. Each section yields so much. This chapter in Psalms is like a mini book of Proverbs! Also, it's great to read Luther's Works on Psalm 119. I'd like to share a little excerpt:

**105. Thy Word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my paths.** *A wonderful statement! Why not a lamp to my eyes and a light for seeing? Can the feet be lighted or the paths see? But the nature of faith for this life is expressed. For eyes must be taken captive to the obedience of Christ and be led by the Word alone, which is perceived by the ears and is not seen with the eyes. For we believe the invisible but not the inaudible. Therefore the Word does not enlighten the eyes, but neither the ears. Yet it is a lamp, because it guides the feet and the heart, and faith does not require understanding. Not understanding, but willing, not knowing but doing, what is heard is the right thing. **And you will not go astray if you believe and go, even though you do not see. Only walk securely in what you have heard, because His Word will be a lamp to your feet and a light for your paths.** Nothing is required except that you do what you do not know, perform what you do not understand, go where you do not know [the way], following the leading of the Word, and become foolish, dismissing your own thought.*<sup>1</sup>

There is a LOT of food for thought there! May you always look to the Wisdom found in God's Word as the lamp for your life's path, and do not grow weary of gathering for worship and daily abiding in the wonder of God's Word!

- June 1: 2 Samuel 18:1-19:10; John 20:1-31; Psalm 119:153-176; Proverbs 16:14-15.
- June 2: 2 Samuel 19:11-20:13; John 21:1-25; Psalm 120:1-7; Proverbs 16:16-17.
- June 3: 2 Samuel 20:14-21:22; Acts 1:1-26; Psalm 121:1-8; Proverbs 16:18.
- June 4: 2 Samuel 22:1-23:23; Acts 2:1-47; Psalm 122:1-9; Proverbs 16:19-20.
- June 5: 2 Samuel 23:24-24:25; Acts 3:1-26; Psalm 123:1-4; Proverbs 16:21-23.

- June 6: 1 Kings 1:1-53; Acts 4:1-37; Psalm 124:1-8; Proverbs 16:24.
- June 7: 1 Kings 2:1-3:2; Acts 5:1-42; Psalm 125:1-5; Proverbs 16:25.
- June 8: 1 Kings 3:3-4:34; Acts 6:1-15; Psalm 126:1-6; Proverbs 16:26-27.
- June 9: 1 Kings 5:1-6:38; Acts 7:1-29; Psalm 127:1-5; Proverbs 16:28-30.
- June 10: 1 Kings 7:1-51; Acts 7:30-50; Psalm 128:1-6; Proverbs 16:31-33.
- June 11: 1 Kings 8:1-66; Acts 7:51-8:13; Psalm 129:1-8; Proverbs 17:1.
- June 12: 1 Kings 9:1-10:29; Acts 8:14-40; Psalm 130:1-8; Proverbs 17:2-3.
- June 13: 1 Kings 11:1-12:19; Acts 9:1-25; Psalm 131:1-3; Proverbs 17:4-5.
- June 14: 1 Kings 12:20-13:34; Acts 9:26-43; Psalm 132:1-18; Proverbs 17:6.
- June 15: 1 Kings 14:1-15:24; Acts 10:1-23; Psalm 133:1-3; Proverbs 17:7-8.
- June 16: 1 Kings 15:25-17:24; Acts 10:24-48; Psalm 134:1-3; Proverbs 17:9-11.
- June 17: 1 Kings 18:1-46; Acts 11:1-30; Psalm 135:1-21; Proverbs 17:12-13.
- June 18: 1 Kings 19:1-21; Acts 12:1-23; Psalm 136:1-26; Proverbs 17:14-15.
- June 19: 1 Kings 20:1-21:29; Acts 12:24-13:15; Psalm 137:1-9; Proverbs 17:16.
- June 20: 1 Kings 22:1-53; Acts 13:16-41; Psalm 138:1-8; Proverbs 17:17-18.
- June 21: 2 Kings 1:1-2:25; Acts 13:42-14:7; Psalm 139:1-24; Proverbs 17:19-21.
- June 22: 2 Kings 3:1-4:17; Acts 14:8-28; Psalm 140:1-13; Proverbs 17:22.
- June 23: 2 Kings 4:18-5:27; Acts 15:1-35; Psalm 141:1-10; Proverbs 17:23.
- June 24: 2 Kings 6:1-7:20; Acts 15:36-16:15; Psalm 142:1-7; Proverbs 17:24-25.
- June 25: 2 Kings 8:1-9:13; Acts 16:16-40; Psalm 143:1-12; Proverbs 17:26.
- June 26: 2 Kings 9:14-10:31; Acts 17:1-34; Psalm 144:1-15; Proverbs 17:27-28.
- June 27: 2 Kings 10:32-12:21; Acts 18:1-22; Psalm 145:1-21; Proverbs 18:1.
- June 28: 2 Kings 13:1-14:29; Acts 18:23-19:12; Psalm 146:1-10; Proverbs 18:2-3.
- June 29: 2 Kings 15:1-16:20; Acts 19:13-41; Psalm 147:1-20; Proverbs 18:4-5.
- June 30: 2 Kings 17:1-18:12; Acts 20:1-38; Psalm 148:1-14; Proverbs 18:6-7.

<sup>1</sup> Luther, M. (1955). *Luther's works, vol. 11: First Lectures on the Psalms II: Psalms 76-126* (J. J. Pelikan, H. C. Oswald, & H. T. Lehmann, Eds.; Vol. 11, p. 485). Concordia Publishing House. (Emphasis added.)

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.

**Third Quarter Voters' Meeting**  
**Sunday, July 21, 2024**

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

Plan now to attend.



CONGREGATIONAL  
MEETING

## June Birthdays & Anniversaries - 2024

### Happy Birthday to...

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|-----------------------|------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1 Todd Lineweber      | Lannie Elstun          | 21 Larry Eckhoff        |
| 2 Hunter Hopkins      | Peggy Wallman          | Rochelle Hirschler      |
| Jackson Huls          | 9 Lynette Reinke       | Sherry Rogge            |
| Leah Malchow          | Marjorie Rogge         | Abigail Stark           |
| 3 Suzanne Munn        | Joyce Swanson          | Amy Thomas              |
| 4 Michael Johnson Sr. | Gina Yoder             | 22 Elaine Connelly      |
| Vayda Lattimer        | 10 Kevin Petersen      | Austin Hinz             |
| Seth Malchow          | Sarah Riekenberg       | Lynn Riekenberg         |
| Erin Oden             | Claudine Schmidt       | Aaliyah VanLaningham    |
| Wynn Reiman           | 12 Beverly Duensing    | Larry Weishahn          |
| 5 William Erdmann     | Audrey Lauterbach      | 23 Teresa Hatzenbuehler |
| Jessica Leseberg      | Liberty Oltmans        | Caroline Heard          |
| 6 Sawyer Penner       | Coraline Fralin        | 24 Jeffrey Riekenberg   |
| Brecken Poling        | 13 Lisa VanWesten      | 25 Chloe Jurgens        |
| Brayton Rogge         | 14 David Trout         | Nicole Weishahn         |
| 7 Joseph Condon       | Vayda Lattimer         | 26 Joel Bahn            |
| Madeline Heard        | 15 Monte Lofing        | Carlyn Koenig           |
| Janet Hiner           | Lois Podendorf         | 28 Jamie Aldag          |
| Iris Hintz            | 16 Eyan Loseman        | Cecelia Grosse          |
| Shane Stark           | 17 Erin Beville        | Eric Jobman             |
| Lorraine Tilton       | 18 Amanda Brand        | 30 Jason Duff           |
| Ciera Weakland        | 19 Kimberly Rademacher |                         |
| 8 Brooke Ankersen     | 20 Robert Janssen      |                         |

### Happy Anniversary to...

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|---------------------------------------|--|
| 1 Michael & Amy Duever, 22 yrs.       | Wayne & Linda Oestreich, 24 yrs.       |
| 4 Rev. Daryn & Karen Bahn, 36 yrs.    | 13 Dale & Rhonda Rickers, 43 yrs.      |
| David & Shelia Meyer, 41 yrs.         | 14 Nick & Samantha Thompson, 10 yrs.   |
| 6 Jarrod & Amanda Brand, 15 yrs.      | 19 Kevin & Annette Kimmerling, 42 yrs. |
| 7 Alexander & Samantha Aldag, 10 yrs. | 21 Jeff & Danielle Berry, 16 yrs.      |
| Tommy & Nancy Rudder, 38 yrs.         | 22 Steven & Julie Sandman, 33 yrs.     |
| 8 Brian & Angie Fossler, 28 yrs.      | 24 Lonnie & Beverly Duensing, 52 yrs.  |
| Dennis & Constance Hartig, 62 yrs.    | 26 Larry & Teresa Workman, 42 yrs.     |
| 9 Brian & Carla Walters, 40 yrs.      | 28 Andrew & Nicole Landon, 17 yrs.     |
| 10 Dale & Marilyn Adam, 46 yrs.       |  |
| 11 Lawrence & Melody Johnsen, 46 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*  
***www.stpaulbeatrice.org***

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## ***The Gift of Contentment***

As children grow up, they often feel cramped by their parents' restrictions. Dad says to be home by 11. But why can't I say out 'til midnight? Mom says to clean your room on Saturday morning. But I want to sleep in late, then roll out of bed, hop in the car and go to my friend's house without delay. I want to do what I decide is best.

The older we get, and especially when we have kids of our own, we begin to see the truth. Mom and Dad were not cramping our style or trying to crush our personal freedom — they were looking out for us, providing for us and teaching us a better way of life.

If that's how it is with fallible human parents, how much more so with our Heavenly Father! We sinners often feel cramped by the Law of God. Our sinful flesh wants to go its own way, do its own thing and be in charge. But in our heart of hearts, we know how foolish this is. We know that God loves us, and therefore all of His commands are for our benefit. Each one of His commandments is meant to bless us. Consider the last two commandments:

**You shall not covet your neighbor's house.**

*What does this mean?* We should fear and love God so that we do not scheme to get our neighbor's inheritance or house, or get it in a way which only appears right, but help and be of service to him in keeping it. (SC II)

**You shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or his manservant or maidservant, his ox or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.**

*What does this mean?* We should fear and love God so that we do not entice or force away our neighbor's wife, workers, or animals, or turn them against him, but urge them to stay and do their duty. (SC II)

The commandments against coveting are warning us against losing one of the greatest gifts we can possess: contentment. Being content and thankful with what God has provided for us is a necessary building block of living a happy life. Unthankful coveting of what we have not been given will only make us miserable, so God warns us against it.

God has proven His love for us in sending His only begotten Son to shed His blood for us, cleanse us of our sins and brings us back into His family. If He loves us this much, then when percentage of His commandments do you think are meant to harm us? Probably no more than one or two percent, right? Of course that's absurd. God means to bless us with everything He says to us. The Law of God simply describes what a truly happy life, lived in thankfulness to Christ, looks like: It's a generous, merciful, contented life that uses all of the resources God has given us for His purposes.

– LCMS Stewardship Ministry: [lcms.org/stewardship](http://lcms.org/stewardship)

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## June School News

*Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen. Ephesians 3:20-21*

The final day for the 2023-2024 school year was Tuesday, May 21st. The school year ended with a chapel service led by Pastor Bahn. We also watched the 5<sup>th</sup> grade graduation video, and handed out perfect attendance and character education awards. On Monday we had our end of the year celebration outside of school, with water bounce houses, playground play, and snacks. What a fun way to end a blessed school year!

As we look back over this past school year, we are thankful for all the many blessings we have received from God, and the opportunity to share His love with our school students and families. We say thank you to parents, students, teachers, pastor, secretary, teachers' assistants, custodians, and St. Paul's members for all their work and prayers throughout the school year. We are truly blessed with a dedicated group of people at St. Paul's and we say Thank You for using your talents and resources for the Lord and our school.

Congratulations to the 2024 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Graduates of St. Paul's Lutheran. We pray that God will bless them as they continue their education. On May 19<sup>th</sup> we held a special worship service and graduation in our school gymnasium to celebrate the accomplishments of this great class.

Information concerning Registration Day for the 2024-2025 school year will be mailed in July. Registration Days will be held on July 31st from 2:00-5:00 PM and August 1st from 5:00-7:00 PM for students in Kindergarten-5<sup>th</sup> Grade. On August 12<sup>th</sup>, a Registration/Open House will be held for the Pre-Kindergarten (age 4) from 4:00-7:30 PM. On August 13<sup>th</sup>, a Registration/Open House will be held for Pre-School (age 3) from 4:00-7:30 PM. The first day of school for the 2024-2025 school year will be on Wednesday, August 14<sup>th</sup> from 8:15-11:45 AM for Kindergarten- 5<sup>th</sup> Grade. The first Pre-Kindergarten classes will be on Friday, August 16<sup>th</sup> at their regular times and the first Pre-School classes will be on Thursday, August 16<sup>th</sup> at their regular times.

Summer office hours for the school will be Monday through Thursday, 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 p.m. The office may be closed occasionally, so please leave a voicemail if we are not here and we will return your call. You can also email Mrs. Duever at [aduever@stpaulbeatrice.org](mailto:aduever@stpaulbeatrice.org), or KayLynn McCormick at [k.mccormick@stpaulbeatrice.org](mailto:k.mccormick@stpaulbeatrice.org).

Have a blessed summer! In Christ, Amy Duever, Principal



Field Day Relay Team



Bounce House Fun



Character Education Winners

**June at St. Paul's Lutheran School:**



**SCHOOL COLLECTIONS:** 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!

**SCRIP CARDS:** Giving gift cards anytime this year? Order your gift cards through our St. Paul's Lutheran School "Scrip Card" program and our school automatically gets money in return at no extra cost to you! Order forms are in the school office and on the school's website. Order forms with payment can be turned into the church or school office.

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**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 \$25.

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 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> 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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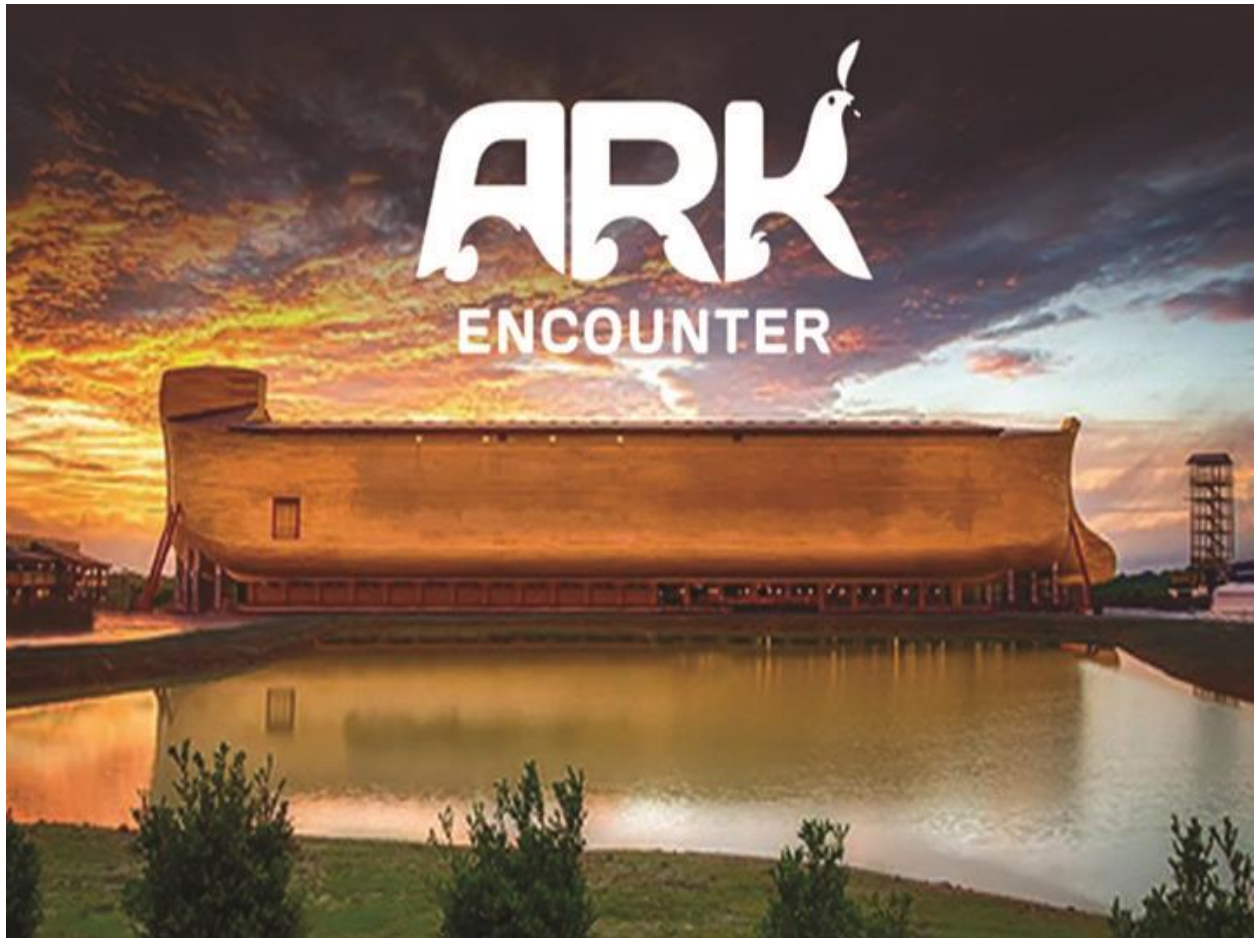


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## **St. Paul's Youth Group Trip**

### **Ark Encounter and Creation Museum**

**June 10-13, 2024**

Our youth are excited to embark on this faith-building adventure! ARK ENCOUNTER features a full-size Noah's Ark built according to the dimensions given in the Bible. Spanning 510 feet long, 85 feet wide, and 51 feet high, this modern engineering marvel amazes visitors young and old. From the moment you turn the corner and the towering Ark comes into view, to the friendly animals in the zoo, or the jaw-dropping exhibits inside the Ark, our youth will experience the pages of the Bible like never before.

THE CREATION MUSEUM includes 75,000 square feet of state-of-the-art exhibits, a full-size Allosaurus skeleton, stunning botanical gardens, a petting zoo, and more. The Creation Museum will allow our youth to venture through biblical history.

If you would like to help our youth to attend this faith-building trip, please stop at our envelope fundraiser in the back of the church and make your donation to help out!

# Blessings of the Harvest

First Annual Fall Festival Dinner Auction



at the Vintage Venue

Saturday, November 23, 2024

Watch the bulletin & newsletter for more information as it becomes available.



## "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](mailto:givehope@nebraskaopportunity.org) or visit [nebraskaopportunity.org/giving](https://nebraskaopportunity.org/giving) to apply for a tax credit contribution.



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## 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](#).