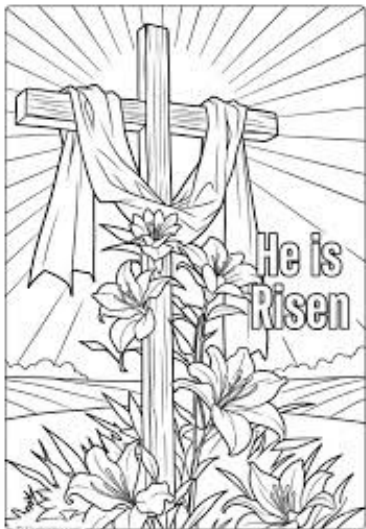


Welcome to St. Paul's Lutheran Church (LCMS)

321 N 10th Beatrice, NE 68310 - Pastor Karl Hollibaugh

April 19, 2026

Third Sunday of Easter



***Welcome!** We are glad you're here and hope to see you again soon! Please sign the guest book at the entrance of the church. If you don't have a church home, are interested in the teachings of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod (LCMS), or are interested in becoming a member of St. Paul's, please speak to the Pastor, Elder, Usher, or the church office.*

***Communion Guidance:** Visitors wanting to commune should speak to the pastor or an elder prior to the service. LCMS members and those from congregations in fellowship with LCMS are always welcome to commune.*

Hymns are found in the Lutheran Service Book in the pews. We're using Divine Service, Setting 3 on page 184 in the front section of that hymnal.

(♪ denotes responses that are to be sung.)

P = Pastor; **C** = Congregation)

Opening Hymn 918: Guide Me, O Thou **Great Redeemer**

- 1 Guide me, O Thou great Redeemer,
Pilgrim through this barren land.
I am weak, but Thou art mighty;
Hold me with Thy pow'ful hand.
Bread of heaven, bread of heaven,
Feed me till I want no more;
Feed me till I want no more.

- 2 Open now the crystal fountain
Whence the healing stream doth flow;
Let the fiery, cloudy pillar
Lead me all my journey through.
Strong deliv'rer, strong deliv'rer,
Be Thou still my strength and shield;
Be Thou still my strength and shield.

3 When I tread the verge of Jordan,
 Bid my anxious fears subside;
Death of death and hell's destruction,
 Land me safe on Canaan's side.
Songs of praises, songs of praises
 I will ever give to Thee;
 I will ever give to Thee.

Text: William Williams, 1717–91, abr.; (st. 1): tr. Peter Williams, 1722–96, alt.; (sts. 2–3): tr. William Williams, 1717–91 Text: Public domain

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

*Stand The sign of the cross may be made by all in
remembrance of their Baptism.*

P In the name of the Father and of the {✠} Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

P Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C who made heaven and earth.

P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

C and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

P O almighty God, merciful Father,

C I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be

gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

P Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the {†} Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

SERVICE OF THE WORD

Introit

Psalm 133; antiphon: v. 1

P Behold, how good and pleasant it is when brothers dwell in unity!

C It is like the precious oil on the head, running down on the beard, on the beard of Aaron, running down on the collar of his robes!

P It is like the dew of Hermon, which falls on the mountains of Zion!
For there the Lord has commanded the blessing, life forevermore.

All: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

P Behold, how good and pleasant it is when brothers dwell in unity!

♪ **Gloria Patri**

C Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,

world without end. Amen.

♪ **Kyrie**

☒ Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.

♪ **Gloria in Excelsis**

LSB 187

☒ Glory be to God on high:

☒ and on earth peace, goodwill toward men.

We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we worship Thee, we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory. O Lord God, heav'nly King, God the Father Almighty. O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ;

O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.

Thou that takest away the sin of the world, receive our prayer. Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us.

For Thou only art holy; Thou only art the Lord. Thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

♪ **Salutation and Collect of the Day**

☒ The Lord be with you.

☒ And with thy spirit.

☒ Let us pray.

O God, through the humiliation of Your Son You raised up the fallen world. Grant to Your faithful people, rescued from the peril of everlasting death, perpetual gladness and eternal joys; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

♪ **C** Amen. *Please sit*

First Reading

Acts 2:14a, 36–41

¹⁴Peter, standing with the eleven, lifted up his voice and addressed them, . . .

³⁶Let all the house of Israel therefore know for certain that God has made him both Lord and Christ, this Jesus whom you crucified.”

³⁷Now when they heard this they were cut to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, “Brothers, what shall we do?” ³⁸And Peter said to them, “Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. ³⁹For the promise is for you and for your children and for all who are far off, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to himself.” ⁴⁰And with many other words he bore witness and continued to exhort them, saying, “Save yourselves from this crooked generation.” ⁴¹So those who received his word were baptized, and there were added that day about three thousand souls.

R This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Epistle

1 Peter 1:17–25

¹⁷If you call on him as Father who judges impartially according to each one’s deeds, conduct yourselves with fear throughout the time of your exile, ¹⁸knowing that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your forefathers, not with perishable things such as silver or gold, ¹⁹but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without blemish or spot. ²⁰He was foreknown before the foundation of the world but was made manifest in the last times for your sake, ²¹who through him are believers in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are in God.

²²Having purified your souls by your obedience to the truth for a sincere brotherly love, love one another earnestly from a pure heart,

²³since you have been born again, not of perishable seed but of imperishable, through the living and abiding word of God; ²⁴for

“All flesh is like grass

and all its glory like the flower of grass.

The grass withers,

and the flower falls,

²⁵but the word of the Lord remains forever.”

And this word is the good news that was preached to you.

R This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

♪ **C** Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia *Please Stand*

Holy Gospel

Luke 24:13–35

P The Holy Gospel according to
St. Luke, the twenty-fourth chapter.

♪ **C** Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

¹³That very day two of them were going to a village named Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, ¹⁴and they were talking with each other about all these things that had happened. ¹⁵While they were talking and discussing together, Jesus himself drew near and went with them. ¹⁶But their eyes were kept from recognizing him. ¹⁷And he said to them, “What is this conversation that you are holding with each other as you walk?” And they stood still, looking sad. ¹⁸Then one of them, named Cleopas, answered him, “Are you the only visitor to Jerusalem who does not know the things that have happened there in these days?” ¹⁹And he said to them, “What things?” And they said to him, “Concerning Jesus of Nazareth, a man who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, ²⁰and how our chief priests and rulers delivered him up to be condemned to death, and crucified him. ²¹But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these

things happened. ²²Moreover, some women of our company amazed us. They were at the tomb early in the morning, ²³and when they did not find his body, they came back saying that they had even seen a vision of angels, who said that he was alive. ²⁴Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but him they did not see.” ²⁵And he said to them, “O foolish ones, and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken! ²⁶Was it not necessary that the Christ should suffer these things and enter into his glory?” ²⁷And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he interpreted to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning himself.

²⁸So they drew near to the village to which they were going. He acted as if he were going farther, ²⁹but they urged him strongly, saying, “Stay with us, for it is toward evening and the day is now far spent.” So he went in to stay with them. ³⁰When he was at table with them, he took the bread and blessed and broke it and gave it to them. ³¹And their eyes were opened, and they recognized him. And he vanished from their sight. ³²They said to each other, “Did not our hearts burn within us while he talked to us on the road, while he opened to us the Scriptures?” ³³And they rose that same hour and returned to Jerusalem. And they found the eleven and those who were with them gathered together, ³⁴saying, “The Lord has risen indeed, and has appeared to Simon!” ³⁵Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he was known to them in the breaking of the bread.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

♪ **C** Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

Nicene Creed

C I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of

Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets.

And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life {†} of the world to come.

Amen. Please sit

Hymn 483: With High Delight

Let Us Unite

- 1 With high delight
Let us unite
In songs of great jubilation.
Ye pure in heart,
All bear your part,
Sing Jesus Christ, our salvation.
To set us free
Forever, He
Is ris'n and sends
To all earth's ends
Good news to save ev'ry nation.
- 2 True God, He first
From death has burst
Forth into life, all subduing.

His enemy
Doth vanquished lie;
His death has been death's undoing.
"And yours shall be
Like victory
O'er death and grave,"
Saith He, who gave
His life for us, life renewing.

3 Let praises ring;
Give thanks, and bring
To Christ our Lord adoration.
His honor speed
By word and deed
To ev'ry land, ev'ry nation.
So shall His love
Give us above,
From misery
And death set free,
All joy and full consolation.

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Sermon

♪ **Offertory:** Please stand *LSB 192*

☒ Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from Thy presence, and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me. Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation, and uphold me with Thy free spirit. Amen.

Offering: Please sit

Prayer of the Church: Please stand

☒ Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people

according to their needs...

☒ Responds: **Hear our prayer** after each petition.

C Responds: **Amen** after final petition.

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

♪ Preface

LSB 194

P The Lord be with you.

C **And with thy spirit.**

P Lift up your hearts.

C **We lift them up unto the Lord.**

P Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our
God.

C **It is good and right so to do.**

P It is truly meet, right, and salutary...praising You and saying:

♪ Sanctus

LSB 195

C **Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth;
heav'n and earth are full of Thy glory.
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is He, blessed is He, blessed is He that cometh in the
name of the Lord.
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.**

Lord's Prayer

LSB 196

**Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy
kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven;
give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses
as we
forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into
temptation,
but deliver us from evil.**

**For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and
ever. Amen.**

The Words of Our Lord

LSB 197

P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took
bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the

disciples and said: “Take, eat; this is My {†} body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me.”

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: “Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My {†} blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.”

♪ **Pax Domini**

LSB 197

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C Amen.

♪ **Agnus Dei**

LSB 198

C O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.

O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.

O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, grant us Thy peace. Amen. *Please sit*

Distribution

Hymn 633: At the Lamb’s High Feast

We Sing

- 1 At the Lamb’s high feast we sing
Praise to our victorious King,
Who has washed us in the tide
Flowing from His piercèd side. Alleluia!
- 2 Praise we Him, whose love divine
Gives His sacred blood for wine,
Gives His body for the feast—
Christ the victim, Christ the priest.
Alleluia!
- 3 Where the paschal blood is poured,
Death’s dread angel sheathes the sword;
Israel’s hosts triumphant go

Through the wave that drowns the foe.
Alleluia!

4 Praise we Christ, whose blood was shed,
Paschal victim, paschal bread;
With sincerity and love
Eat we manna from above.
Alleluia!

5 Mighty Victim from the sky,
Hell's fierce pow'rs beneath You lie;
You have conquered in the fight,
You have brought us life and light.
Alleluia!

6 Now no more can death appall,
Now no more the grave enthrall;
You have opened paradise,
And Your saints in You shall rise.
Alleluia!

7 Easter triumph, Easter joy!
This alone can sin destroy;
From sin's pow'r, Lord, set us free,
Newborn souls in You to be.
Alleluia!

△8 Father, who the crown shall give,
Savior, by whose death we live,
Spirit, guide through all our days:
Three in One, Your name we praise.
Alleluia!

Text: Latin, c. 5th–10th cent.; tr. Robert Campbell, 1814–68, alt. Text: Public domain

Hymn 563: Jesus, Thy Blood and Righteousness

1 Jesus, Thy blood and righteousness
My beauty are, my glorious dress;

Midst flaming worlds, in these arrayed,
With joy shall I lift up my head.

2 Bold shall I stand in that great day,
Cleansed and redeemed, no debt to pay;
Fully absolved through these I am
From sin and fear, from guilt and shame.

3 Lord, I believe Thy precious blood,
Which at the mercy seat of God
Pleads for the captives' liberty,
Was also shed in love for me.

4 Lord, I believe, were sinners more
Than sands upon the ocean shore,
Thou hast for all a ransom paid,
For all a full atonement made.

5 When from the dust of death I rise
To claim my mansion in the skies,
This then shall be my only plea:
Jesus hath lived and died for me.

6 Jesus, be endless praise to Thee,
Whose boundless mercy hath for me,
For me, and all Thy hands have made,
An everlasting ransom paid.

Text: Nicolaus Ludwig von Zinzendorf, 1700–60; tr. John B. Wesley, 1703–91, alt. Text: Public domain

Hymn 486: If Christ Had Not Been Raised from Death

1 If Christ had not been raised from death
Our faith would be in vain,
Our preaching but a waste of breath,
Our sin and guilt remain.
But now the Lord is ris'n indeed;
He rules in earth and heav'n:
His Gospel meets a world of need—
In Christ we are forgiv'n.

2 If Christ still lay within the tomb
Then death would be the end,
And we should face our final doom
With neither guide nor friend.
But now the Savior is raised up,
So when a Christian dies
We mourn, yet look to God in hope—
In Christ the saints arise!

3 If Christ had not been truly raised
His Church would live a lie;
His name should nevermore be praised,
His words deserve to die.
But now our great Redeemer lives;
Through Him we are restored;
His Word endures, His Church revives
In Christ, our risen Lord.

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♪ **Nunc Dimittis:** *Please stand* *LSB 199*

☒ Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace according to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation, which Thou hast prepared before the face of all people, a light to lighten the Gentiles and the glory of Thy people Israel. Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

♪ **Thanksgiving and Post-Communion**

Collect *LSB 200*

☐ O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,

☒ and His mercy endureth forever.

☐ Let us pray...one God, now and forever.

☒ Amen.

♪ **Salutation and Benedicamus** *LSB 201 & 202*

☐ The Lord be with you.

C And with thy spirit.

P Bless we the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

♪ **Benediction**

LSB 202

P The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.

The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and {†} give you peace.

C Amen, amen, amen. *Please sit*

**Departing Hymn 476: Who are You who
Walk in Sorrow**

1 Who are you who walk in sorrow
Down Emmaus' barren road,
Hearts distraught and hope defeated,
Bent beneath grief's crushing load?
Nameless mourners, we will join you,
We who also mourn our dead;
We have stood by graves unyielding,
Eaten death's bare, bitter bread.

2 Who is this who joins our journey,
Walking with us stride by stride?
Unknown Stranger, can You fathom
Depths of grief for one who died?
Then the wonder! When we told You
How our dreams to dust have turned,
Then You opened wide the Scriptures
Till our hearts within us burned.

3 Who are You? Our hearts are opened
In the breaking of the bread—
Christ the victim, now the victor
Living, risen from the dead!
Great companion on our journey,
Still surprise us with Your grace!

Make each day a new Emmaus;
On our hearts Your image trace!

4 Who are we who travel with You
On our way through life to death?
Women, men, the young, the aging,
Wakened by the Spirit's breath!
At the font You claim and name us,
Born of water and the Word;
At the table still You feed us,
Host us as our risen Lord!

5 "Alleluia! Alleluia!"
Is the Easter hymn we sing!
Take our life, our joy, our worship
As the gift of love we bring.
You have formed us all one people
Called from ev'ry land and race.
Make the Church Your servant body,
Sent to share Your healing grace!

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Serving Today:

Pastor: Pastor Karl Hollibaugh

Elder: Greg Penner Reader: Shari Pack

Organist: Becky Hollibaugh

Acolytes: Sawyer and Sloan Penner

Greeters: Vaughn & Tina Wright

Ushers: Larry Huls, Lyndon Wiegand,
Clair Duensing, Bill Lux

Please remember with prayers, cards, texts, or calls, our sisters- and brothers-in-Christ who are hospitalized or ill at home: Mary Scheve, Angie Fossler, Mike Holthus, Cheri McConnell, Cindy Weise, Chuck Baker, Lilly Baker, (all with cancer); Duane Delozier; Pat Nave; Olivia

Hatzenbuehler and William Kelley (military). ****Please contact the church by Thursday morning** with additions or corrections to this prayer list.

The **Quarterly Voters' meeting** for St. Paul's Lutheran Church is today **Sunday, April 19, 2026**, immediately following the church service in the church nave. All members are invited and encouraged to attend.

Happening this week:

Sunday, April 19 8:00 am KWBE Broadcast
of previous week
9:00 am Divine Service
10:15 am Quarterly Voters'
Meeting
No Adult Bible Study or
Children's Sunday School

Tuesday, April 21 6 – 8 pm Game Night @
Church

Friday, April 24 6:30 pm Doors open for
PTL Wine & Ale Event
7 – 10 pm at Red Barn Farm

Sunday, April 26 8:00 am KWBE Broadcast
of previous week
9:00 am Divine Service
10:00 am Adult and
Children Sunday School

April School Events & Announcements

Apr. 24: PTL Wine Tasting Fund Raiser for
the school – doors open at
6:30 pm at the Red Barn Farm, see
insert for more details.

The 9th annual **PTL Wine & Ale Tasting** event is **Friday, April 24th**! This fundraiser supports our school, please see insert for details. **Volunteers** are a vital part of making this event a success. **We would greatly appreciate any help**, please call the school to volunteer. You can use

the QR code on the bulletin insert to **purchase tickets** to the PTL Wine & Ale event or call the school. They're also **available to purchase today at church**.

Items for the bulletin are due on Thursday mornings.

Today's radio broadcast is sponsored by Rhonda & Berri Easley in memory of Gloria and Wilferd Deke's 65th Anniversary which would have been on April 16th.

Sunday's available for sponsorship in 2026 are July 12, 19, 26; August 2, 9; Sept 20; October 11; Nov 15, 29, and Dec 6, 13, 27. You can schedule a sponsorship in the **scheduling book outside of the church office**. You may also call the church office to schedule. **Sponsorships of radio broadcasts** are \$125.

Please **come join us on Tuesday, April 21st, in the church basement for Game Night from 6 – 8pm!** All ages are welcome. We will have lots to do, but if you want to bring your favorite card or board games – even better! You may bring a snack to share. If you have **any questions, please call Peggy Doering at 402-239-8404**. Thank you! St. Paul's Evangelism Committee

On Monday, March 30th, the congregation voted unanimously to **issue a call to Rev. Joseph Bluege**, who is currently serving in Branson, MO. Pastor Joey and his family visited a few of weeks ago. We have requested he have an answer to us by April 25. Please continue to pray for Pastor Joey and his family, our congregation, and his current congregation.

The school is hosting a **card shower for Brad & Joanna Long** to wish them well. Please place cards in the box in the church narthex or take them to the school office by **May 8** so we can present them at chapel on the last day of school.

A call has been extended to Ms. Ellie Lehr to be a school teacher for our elementary. Please keep her and our school in your prayers as she considers joining our school family.

The **Annual Rummage Sale** at the school gym is June 4, 5 & 6. Presale is June 4th. More information will be coming but get it on your calendar!

School Chapel offerings in April and May have been **designated for the Beatrice Food Pantry**. We are collecting food items and monetary donations. Items needed: pizza crust mix, pizza sauce, graham crackers, saltine crackers, taco shells, taco seasoning, syrup, hamburger helper, chicken helper, tuna helper, canned tuna, pop tarts, jelly, variety chunky soups, Manwich, ramen noodles. Collected so far: \$50.02.

Please **continue to collect Best Choice and Our Family labels or UPC codes**. These collections can be submitted to the school office. Thank you for helping to support our school! **Our final total is \$407,378.95!** Thank you everyone for your help collecting and turning these in. We have a total of 422,000 points to spend on items for school. **YOU GUYS ROCK!!!!**

The **Youth Group is selling discounted car wash tickets for Super Wash: \$4 each or 5 for \$20**. They are available in the church office or from the school.

Join us downstairs following Sunday worship on April 26th for refreshments and **Bible Study “See Through the Scriptures” with Pastor Hollibaugh**. Jr/Sr High students will enjoy this Study too.

Help Preserve the Story of St. Paul’s – Volunteers Needed to share memories, old photographs, documents, stories, or knowledge about the history of our stained glass, organ, church artifacts, or the families who helped build St. Paul’s. We would love to hear from you. If you are interested in helping preserve the heritage of St. Paul’s for future generations, **please contact the church office or speak with a council member**.

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Remaining April Anniversaries - Happy Anniversary!

(if yours is missing, let us know!)

- 20 Gregory & Faith Campion 2 yrs
- 23 Bryan & Renee McAllister, 38 yrs
- 30 James & Rose Pittman, 32 yrs

Remaining April Birthdays – Happy Birthday!

(If yours is missing, please let us know!)

- 20 Kolbie Himmelberg 25 Marlene Gakle
- 21 Alison Helmke Jeffrey Junker
- Thelma Loemker Bonnie Riekenberg
- 22 Kaylin Hagemeyer 26 Steven Norton
- 23 Mark Engler 27 Joanna Gellermann-
Joyce Oltman Long
- 24 Rhonda Easley 29 Brock Ankersen

Orphan Grain Train Christmas Gift Boxes

During the last seven years of our Christmas box project with Orphan Grain Train, we have sent 11,981 Christmas boxes to children all around the world. Once again, Grace, in Norfolk is collecting monetary gifts, clothing, and toys to pack more boxes. This summer we are collecting: Dolls; Blocks (Legos, Duplos, Wooden); Small Cars (Matchbox, Hot Wheels); Decks of Playing Cards; Play Food; Stuffed Animals; New 24-count Boxes of Crayons; New Socks (Sizes 2T—Youth L).

All items (except crayons, underwear, and socks) may be either new or used and can be dropped off at Grace Lutheran Church, Norfolk, NE. Monetary donations will be used to purchase other items to fill the boxes and can be sent (marked “Grace Lutheran Christmas Box Project”) to Grace Lutheran Church or Orphan Grain Train, Norfolk, NE. This year we are working on this project one month earlier than previous years. Donations will be collected through June 30th and packing will be done in July. If you have any questions or would like to help pack the boxes, contact Kelly Asbury at 402-371-3521. You can help these children know they are precious and that Jesus is the greatest gift of all!

The **Beatrice Clean City Event** is **April 20th-22nd**, 2026. Please register at:

<https://www.beatrice.ne.gov/living-in-beatrice/garbage-recycling-and-landfill/clean-city-event/#>

The church office is sending out a **weekly email** with announcements and that week's bulletin attached. **If you are not getting the weekly emails**, we probably do not have a good email address for you. Please call or email the church office requesting to be included. Because of this, we are no longer creating a **monthly newsletter**. Our goal is to communicate more frequently with current information via emails with the bulletin. This will save postage and paper. Monthly **calendars** are available in the narthex. Thank you.

- **Church office** is open Thursdays. Please leave a message at 402-228-1540 or email stpaulbeatrice@gmail.com at other times.
- **For immediate assistance:** contact Church Chair Rod Aden: 402- 239-5305; or Finance Committee member Dave Doering: 402-806-1015, Head Elder Chuck Baker:714-232-2794.
- **For school or church reservations** call Wayne Oestreich, 402-440-5054.
- **Busy Bags and books** for kids are in the narthex by the bulletin board.
- **Large print bulletins with large print hymns included** are available from an usher.

Our livestreamed services are available on

- **YouTube:** Search for St. Paul's Lutheran Church Beatrice NE.
- **Facebook:** Follow St. Paul's Lutheran Church.
(Look for the photo of our church.)
- **The bulletin is on our website:** stpaulbeatrice.org.

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