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

321 N 10th, Beatrice, NE 68310 – Pastor Bill Cornelius

Nov. 15, 2026 – ***Twenty-fifth Sunday in the Pentecost Season***



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. Our summary of faith is available in the pews to help you determine if you share in our confession of faith. 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, page 184** in the front section of that hymnal.
(♪ denotes responses that are to be sung. 🅿 = Pastor; **🅒 = Congregation**)

Invocation Hymn 503: O Day Full of Grace

1 O day full of grace that now we see
Appearing on earth's horizon,
Bring light from our God that we may be
Replete in His joy this season.
God, shine for us now in this dark place;
Your name on our hearts emblazon.

2 O day full of grace, O blessèd time,
Our Lord on the earth arriving;
Then came to the world that light sublime,
Great joy for us all retrieving;
For Jesus all mortals did embrace,
All darkness and shame removing.

3 For Christ bore our sins, and not His own,
When He on the cross was hanging;
And then He arose and moved the stone
That we, unto Him belonging,

Might join with angelic hosts to raise
Our voices in endless singing.

4 God came to us then at Pentecost,
His Spirit new life revealing,
That we might no more from Him be lost,
All darkness for us dispelling.
His flame will the mark of sin efface
And bring to us all His healing.

5 When we on that final journey go
That Christ is for us preparing,
We'll gather in song, our hearts aglow,
All joy of the heavens sharing,
And walk in the light of God's own place,
With angels His name adoring.

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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 143:2, 5–6, 10–11; antiphon: v. 1*

P Hear my prayer, O LORD; give ear to my pleas for mercy!
In your faithfulness answer me, in your righteousness!

**C Enter not into judgment with your servant,
for no one living is righteous before you.**

P I remember the days of old; I meditate on all that you have done;
I ponder the work of your hands.

**C I stretch out my hands to you;
my soul thirsts for you like a parched land.**

P Teach me to do your will, for you are my God!
Let your good Spirit lead me on level ground!

C For your name's sake, O LORD, preserve my life!

P In your righteousness bring my soul out of trouble!

**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 Hear my prayer, O LORD; give ear to my pleas for mercy!
In your faithfulness answer me, in your righteousness!

♪ 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

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

♪ Gloria in Excelsis

P Glory be to God on high:

C 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

P The Lord be with you.

C And with thy spirit.

P Let us pray. Almighty and ever-living God, You have given exceedingly great and precious promises to those who trust in You. Dispel from us the works of darkness and grant us to live in the light of Your Son, Jesus Christ, that our faith may never be found wanting; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen. *Please sit*

Old Testament Reading *Zephaniah 1:7–16*

7 Be silent before the Lord GOD!
For the day of the LORD is near;
the LORD has prepared a sacrifice
and consecrated his guests.

[8]And on the day of the LORD's sacrifice—
"I will punish the officials and the king's sons
and all who array themselves in foreign attire.
[9]On that day I will punish
everyone who leaps over the threshold,
and those who fill their master's house
with violence and fraud.
[10]"On that day," declares the LORD,
"a cry will be heard from the Fish Gate,
a wail from the Second Quarter,
a loud crash from the hills.
[11]Wail, O inhabitants of the Mortar!
For all the traders are no more;
all who weigh out silver are cut off.
[12]At that time I will search Jerusalem with lamps,
and I will punish the men
who are complacent,
those who say in their hearts,
'The LORD will not do good,
nor will he do ill.'
[13]Their goods shall be plundered,
and their houses laid waste.
Though they build houses,
they shall not inhabit them;
though they plant vineyards,
they shall not drink wine from them."
[14]The great day of the LORD is near,
near and hastening fast;
the sound of the day of the LORD is bitter;
the mighty man cries aloud there.
[15]A day of wrath is that day,
a day of distress and anguish,
a day of ruin and devastation,
a day of darkness and gloom,
a day of clouds and thick darkness,
[16]a day of trumpet blast and battle cry

against the fortified cities
and against the lofty battlements.

℟ This is the Word of the Lord.

℣ **Thanks be to God.**

Epistle *1 Thessalonians 5:1–11*

[1]Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers, you
have no need to have anything written to you. [2]For you yourselves
are fully aware that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the
night. [3]While people are saying, “There is peace and security,”
then sudden destruction will come upon them as labor pains come
upon a pregnant woman, and they will not escape. [4]But you are
not in darkness, brothers, for that day to surprise you like a thief.
[5]For you are all children of light, children of the day. We are not of
the night or of the darkness. [6]So then let us not sleep, as others
do, but let us keep awake and be sober. [7]For those who sleep,
sleep at night, and those who get drunk, are drunk at night. [8]But
since we belong to the day, let us be sober, having put on the
breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of
salvation. [9]For God has not destined us for wrath, but to obtain
salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, [10]who died for us so that
whether we are awake or asleep we might live with him.
[11]Therefore encourage one another and build one another up, just
as you are doing.

℟ This is the Word of the Lord.

℣ **Thanks be to God.** *Please stand*

Alleluia: ♪ Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

Holy Gospel *Matthew 25:14–30*

℗ The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew,
the twenty-fifth chapter.

♪ ℣ **Glory be to Thee, O Lord.**

[14][Jesus said:] “For it will be like a man going on a journey, who called his servants and entrusted to them his property. [15]To one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. [16]He who had received the five talents went at once and traded with them, and he made five talents more. [17]So also he who had the two talents made two talents more. [18]But he who had received the one talent went and dug in the ground and hid his master’s money. [19]Now after a long time the master of those servants came and settled accounts with them. [20]And he who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five talents more, saying, ‘Master, you delivered to me five talents; here I have made five talents more.’ [21]His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master.’ [22]And he also who had the two talents came forward, saying, ‘Master, you delivered to me two talents; here I have made two talents more.’ [23]His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master.’ [24]He also who had received the one talent came forward, saying, ‘Master, I knew you to be a hard man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you scattered no seed, [25]so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.’ [26]But his master answered him, ‘You wicked and slothful servant! You knew that I reap where I have not sowed and gather where I scattered no seed? [27]Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and at my coming I should have received what was my own with interest. [28]So take the talent from him and give it to him who has the ten talents. [29]For to everyone who has will more be given, and he will have an abundance. But from the one who has not, even what he has will be taken away. [30]And cast the worthless servant into the outer

darkness. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'"

℗ This is the Gospel of the Lord.

♪ **℃ Praise be to Thee, O Christ.**

Nicene Creed

℃ 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*

Children's Message

Hymn 508: The Day is Surely Drawing Near

1 The day is surely drawing near
When Jesus, God's anointed,

In all His power shall appear
As judge whom God appointed.
Then fright shall banish idle mirth,
And flames on flames shall ravage earth
As Scripture long has warned us.

2 The final trumpet then shall sound
And all the earth be shaken,
And all who rest beneath the ground
Shall from their sleep awaken.
But all who live will in that hour,
By God's almighty, boundless pow'r,
Be changed at His commanding.

3 The books are opened then to all,
A record truly telling
What each has done, both great and small,
When he on earth was dwelling,
And ev'ry heart be clearly seen,
And all be known as they have been
In thoughts and words and actions.

4 Then woe to those who scorned the Lord
And sought but carnal pleasures,
Who here despised His precious Word
And loved their earthly treasures!
With shame and trembling they will stand
And at the judge's stern command
To Satan be delivered.

5 My Savior paid the debt I owe
And for my sin was smitten;
Within the Book of Life I know
My name has now been written.
I will not doubt, for I am free,
And Satan cannot threaten me;
There is no condemnation!

6 May Christ our intercessor be
And through His blood and merit
Read from His book that we are free
With all who life inherit.
Then we shall see Him face to face,
With all His saints in that blest place
Which He has purchased for us.

7 O Jesus Christ, do not delay,
But hasten our salvation;
We often tremble on our way
In fear and tribulation.
O hear and grant our fervent plea:
Come, mighty judge, and set us free
From death and ev'ry evil.

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Sermon

♪ Offertory: *Please stand*

C 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*

P Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs…

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

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

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

Preface

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 meet and right so to do.

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

♪ Sanctus

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

P 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.

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

The Words of Our Lord

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

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C Amen.

♪ Agnus Dei

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 642: O Living Bread from Heaven

1 O living Bread from heaven,
How well You feed your guest!
The gifts that You have given
Have filled my heart with rest.
Oh, wondrous food of blessing,
Oh, cup that heals our woes!
My heart, this gift possessing,
With praises overflows.

2 My Lord, You here have led me
To this most holy place
And with Yourself have fed me
The treasures of Your grace;
For You have freely given
What earth could never buy,
The bread of life from heaven,
That now I shall not die.

3 You gave me all I wanted;
This food can death destroy.
And You have freely granted
The cup of endless joy.
My Lord, I do not merit
The favor You have shown,
And all my soul and spirit
Bow down before Your throne.

4 Lord, grant me then, thus strengthened
With heav'nly food, while here
My course on earth is lengthened,
To serve with holy fear.
And when You call my spirit
To leave this world below,
I enter, through Your merit,
Where joys unmingled flow.

Text: Johann Rist, 1607–67; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–78, alt. Text: Public domain

Hymn 730: What is the World to Me

1 What is the world to me
With all its vaunted pleasure
When You, and You alone,
Lord Jesus, are my treasure!
You only, dearest Lord,
My soul's delight shall be;
You are my peace, my rest.
What is the world to me!

2 The world seeks to be praised
And honored by the mighty
Yet never once reflects
That they are frail and flighty.
But what I truly prize
Above all things is He,
My Jesus, He alone.
What is the world to me!

3 The world seeks after wealth
And all that mammon offers
Yet never is content
Though gold should fill its coffers.
I have a higher good,
Content with it I'll be:
My Jesus is my wealth.
What is the world to me!

4 What is the world to me!
My Jesus is my treasure,
My life, my health, my wealth,
My friend, my love, my pleasure,
My joy, my crown, my all,
My bliss eternally.
Once more, then, I declare:
What is the world to me!

Text: Georg Michael Pfefferkorn, 1645–1732; tr. August Crull, 1845–1923, alt. Text: Public domain

Hymn 654: Your Kingdom, O God, Is My Glorious Treasure

1 Your kingdom, O God, is my glorious treasure,
My pearl of incomp'rable worth.
Its value exceeds ev'ry standard of measure,
Surpassing the wealth of the earth.
Lord, give me Your grace and the pow'r of the Spirit
To value this treasure aright
That, never allured by the world, I inherit
Your kingdom of glory and light.

2 Your kingdom, O God, is alive with the power
Your Word and Your Spirit bestow.
Like yeast, they affect the whole measure of flour,
Enabling Your kingdom to grow.
Empower me, Lord, as I live Your commission,
Though humble my service may be,
And bring ev'ry planting to perfect fruition,
A mustard seed grown to a tree.

3 Your kingdom, O God, is a field for the growing
Of seeds that Your mercy has sown;
But still in our midst is the enemy sowing
The weeds that imperil Your own.
Sustain me, O Lord, till Your day of returning
And harvest me homeward at last,
To shine in the homeland that quiets all yearning,
Where sorrow and danger are past.

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♪ Nunc Dimittis: *Please stand*

C 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

P O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,
C and His mercy endureth forever.
P Let us pray…one God, now and forever.
C Amen.

♪ Salutation and Benedicamus

P The Lord be with you.
C And with thy spirit.
P Bless we the Lord.
C Thanks be to God.

♪ Benediction

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 733: O God, Our Help in Ages Past

1 O God, our help in ages past,
Our hope for years to come,
Our shelter from the stormy blast,
And our eternal home:

2 Under the shadow of Thy throne
Thy saints have dwelt secure;
Sufficient is Thine arm alone,
And our defense is sure.

3 Before the hills in order stood
Or earth received her frame,
From everlasting Thou art God,
To endless years the same.

4 A thousand ages in Thy sight
Are like an evening gone,
Short as the watch that ends the night
Before the rising sun.

5 Time, like an ever-rolling stream,
Soon bears us all away;
We fly forgotten as a dream
Dies at the op'ning day.

6 O God, our help in ages past,
Our hope for years to come,
Be Thou our guard while troubles last
And our eternal home!

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***Serving Today**:* **Pastor:** Rev Bill Cornelius
Organist: Bev Duensing **Elder:** Craig Fisher
Reader: Bob Frerking **Greeters:** Dale & Rhonda Rickers
Acolytes: Asher Landon & Brayden Poling
Ushers: Larry Huls, Lyndon Wiegand, Clair Duensing, Bill Lux
Live Streaming: Brian Hoops, Jarrod Brand, Shelley Eisele, Kanon Oden

Broadcast Sponsor: Brian and Carla Walters in celebration of parents, **Lloyd & Carolina VanLaningham's, 70th Anniversary, Nov 22**. Happy Anniversary!

Please remember with prayers, cards, texts, or calls, our sisters and brothers-in-Christ who are in need of prayers: Melvin Oltmans, Sharon Rupprecht, Dawn Crosier, BeulahMae Riekenberg, Cortney Walters, Ivan Stohs, Lisa Scheele, Mary Scheve, Angie Fossler, Mike Holthus, Rick Cooper, Cheri McConnell, Cindy Weise, Chuck Baker, Lilly Baker, Pat Nave, Myra Denton.
In the military: Olivia Hatzenbuehler, William Kelley.

We also pray for the **family of Leonard Rosenthal**, member of Zion Lutheran Church of rural Harbine. Leonard passed away last Sunday. He's the brother of Leola Wollenburg, Marilyn Adam, and Shirley Petersen of our church family. His service was Thursday.

Please pray for our youth and sponsors who will be attending the LCMS High School Youth Gathering next weekend in Kearney.

St Paul's School Weekly Prayer Families:

- Shelley & Dietrich Eisele, Adrianna (5th) & Sadie (3rd)
- Dan & Dee Enevoldsen, Grant (3rd)

Please contact the church by Thursday morning with additions/corrections to the prayers or announcements.

Coming Up

Today, Nov 15	8:00 am	KWBE Broadcast of previous week
	9:00 am	Divine Service
	10:15 am	Children's Sunday School
	10:15 am	Bible Study "The Chosen"
Tue, Nov 17	5:30 pm	PTL Meeting at school to learn more about the NE Opportunity Scholarship Program
Wed, Nov 18	6:30 pm	Confirmation Class at church
Nov 20 - 22		HS LCMS Youth Gathering in Kearney
Sat, Nov 21	10:00 am	Altar Guild
Sun, Nov 22	8:00 am	KWBE Broadcast of previous week
	9:00 am	Divine Service
	10:15 am	Children's Sunday School
	10:15 am	Bible Study "The Chosen"
	2 - 4:00 pm	Open House for VanLaningHam's
Wed, Nov 25	7:00 pm	Thanksgiving Service

Financial Snapshot for November 8

General Fund:	$6,982.00	Dedicated Accounts:	$1,100.00
Online Offerings:	$164.90	Bills Paid:	$17,936.09
Missions	$65.00		

Church News

Thank you to all who are blessing St. Paul's ministry when **directing your RMD's** (Required Minimum Distributions). We appreciate your generosity to church and school.

You are invited to an **Open House for Lloyd & Carolina Van Laningham, celebrating their 70th** wedding anniversary! Sunday, November 22 at St. Paul's Lutheran Church from 2-4 p.m. Congratulations Lloyd & Carolina!

A **Thanksgiving Eve service** with Communion will be held on Wednesday evening, November 25 at 7 p.m.

Advent Services: Wednesday Dec 2, 9 & 16th at 5:30 pm wih a meal following. Confirmation class will still begin at 6:15. The confirmation class attendess are encouraged to attend worship also.

The Trustees are currently taking bids for **church and school snow removal** for 2026-2027. If you would like to submit a bid, please contact Berri Easley (402-806-6711).

November and December Game Nights have been cancelled due to everyone's full holiday schedules.

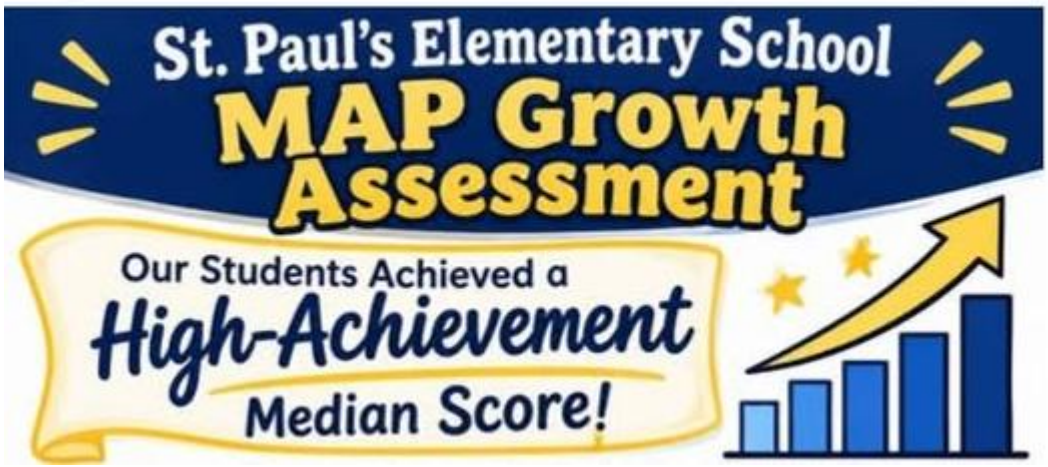
School & Youth Group News

You are invited to an **informational meeting** at school Tuesday, Nov 17 at 5:30 pm with a speaker from the Opportunity Scholarship of Nebraska (OSN) program to explain the **Education Freedom Federal Tax Credit available when you file your 2026 income taxes**. When you give to OSN, you get a dollar-for-dollar credit on your federal taxes, up to $1,700 per person or $3,400 for a married couple. Choose St. Paul's Lutheran School when you give, and a portion of your gift will go to scholarships for St. Paul's students. You don't have to live in Beatrice to help. Former students, family and friends can also give.

The school **Chapel offerings** for November and December are for **Lutheran World Relief Gifts of Love**. The children are hoping to purchase a hen and chicks, piglets, goats, or sheep to help families in need around the world. These gifts will give families not only a source of food, but also an income. If you'd like to help them reach their goal, please mark your gift and place it in the offering plate.

St. Paul's students demonstrated strong academic performance on the fall 2026-2027 MAP (Reading, Math, Science, Language) Growth assessments. Overall, our students achieved a median score in the high-achievement range, reflecting their hard work, dedication, and commitment to learning. In addition, St. Paul's students performed at or above district norms. These results highlight the effectiveness of our instructional programs and the continued partnership between our teachers, students, and families. We celebrate our students' success and look forward to supporting their continued growth throughout the school year!

#Educating Children in Christ since 1921



School Van: Nebraska Department of Education, in compliance with a change in federal law, will allow school vans to transport up to 9 students plus a driver. Our current van is a 12 passenger van and unfortunately the law does not allow us to simply remove seats to be in compliance. Because of this, the Trustees are in the market for a 9+1 student transport van or a larger capacity used SUV with 3 rows of seats for student transportation. If you know of any, please contact Berri Easley. (402-806-6711)

St. Paul's Youth Group is currently selling wreaths from the Pinecrest Tree Farm. They are $30, orders are due by Nov 22nd. To order contact a youth group member, Jessica Leseberg or Lisa Oltmans.



Year End Giving

Farmers! If you'd like to donate a load of grain, please inform the elevator it's for St. Paul's Lutheran, BEATRICE. Then check with Treasurer Holly Norris to ensure St. Paul's received it. Thank you!

Thrivent Members Direct your Choice Dollars to St. Paul's Lutheran Church or St. Paul's Luthern School before December 31 through your online account or by calling Thrivent. Unused dollars expire! Need help? Contact the Stewardship Committee.

New This Year: Your Gifts May Be Tax Deductible! Starting in 2026, even if you don't itemize, you can deduct up to $1,000 ($2,000 for married couples) in cash gifts to St. Paul's. Keep your year-end giving statement for your tax preparer and check with them about this deduction!

Offering Envelopes for 2027 - Don't need church offering envelopes next year? Give electronically? Want envelopes and don't receive them?Or don't get offering envelopes and wish to receive them, please tell the church office by December 15 (402-228-1540). Want envelopes and don't have them? Let us know! Thank you!

Want to support St. Paul's Church & School electronically? Scan me! We'll record your contribution!

Radio Broadcast Sponsorship – Dates Available

Sponsor the Sunday KWBE radio broadcast in honor or memory of a loved one, to celebrate a special occasion, or just because. Cost is $125. Sign up in the book on the table in front of the church office or call the church office (402-228-1540) to reserve your date.

Open dates: January 3, 17, 24, 31, February 7, 21, 28, Apr 4

In the Community

The Courthouse Lighting: November 22nd beginning at 5:25pm. Homestead Harmonizers Caroling! Drive-thru soup supper at First Presbyterian Church before and after the lighting.

November Anniversaries: Nov 15 - Nov 21 *Let us know if yours is missing.*

Nov 22: Lloyd & Carolina VanLaningham

November Birthdays: Nov 15 – Nov 21 *Let us know if yours is missing.*

Nov 15: Shelley Eisele
Nov 18: Sadie Eisele
Nov 19: Matthew Helmke, Douglas Tegtmeier

Church Information

Church office hours: Mondays 1–3:30 pm. Otherwise, please call ahead (402-228-1540).
Immediate assistance: Church Chair Rod Aden 402-239-5305; Elder Chuck Baker 714-232-2794; or Dave Doering 402-806-1015.
Elders & assigned members list is on the entry bulletin board.
Available at the entrances: Calendars, Portals of Prayer, church/school brochures, Shut-In Lists. **Shut-in visits** can be recorded in a notebook by the church office door.
Abbreviated bulletins list hymns, Bible readings & announcements.
Full printed & large print service bulletins: available from an usher.
Kids Busy Bags and books are in the entry by the bulletin board.
Quiet prayer time: the church opens at 8 a.m. on Sundays.
Discounted Super Car Wash tickets: $4 in the church office.
Reserve church or school: Wayne Oestreich 402-440-5054.
Live stream: YouTube, Facebook and stpaulbeatrice.org (full bulletin there too).

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Christmas Tea
Saturday, December 5
11:00 – 1:00



For all Ladies and Girls to come enjoy

- Christmas Treats
- Sandwiches
- Great Fellowship
- Guest Speaker Denise Paul

Denise will speak to us about the work of the Beatrice Willow Center, a faith-based organization serving pregnant women & families with compassion, practical resources & emotional support. To support Willow Tree's efforts, we will help by providing items to fill the green canvas bags they distribute with

- Diapers
- Healthy Habits for Willow Kids
- Birthday bags

You can take a bag and return it filled, or bring some of the necessary items to fill bags with you on Saturday, December 5.

Sponsored by LWML

Diaper Drive Bag: Diapers, Pullups, Wipes
Healthy Habit Bag: Toothbrush & Paste, deodorant, washcloth, body wash, lotion, shampoo, hand sanitizer
Birthday Bag: Box cake mix, can frosting, candles, plates & napkins, decorations

