

**The 12th Sunday after Pentecost,
Sunday, August 31st, 2025, 9:00 a.m.**

St. Paul's Lutheran Church, The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod

321 North 10th St., Beatrice, NE 68310 | 402-228-1540

www.stpaulbeatrice.org | splc.beatrice@gmail.com

Rev. Karl Hollibaugh, Vacancy Pastor | 225-361-5121 |

revdochollibaugh@gmail.com

St. Paul's Lutheran School & Childcare Center

930 Prairie Lane, Beatrice, NE 68310 | 402-223-3414

Jonetta Hagemeyer, Head Teacher & Sheridan Martinez, Childcare Director

LSB 907; 842; 845; 625; 706

Divine Service, Setting 3: 184, 186, 187, 190, 192, 194, 195, 198, 199,

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

907 God Himself Is Present

Invocation

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.**

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 75:1–2, 6, 9; antiphon: v. 7

It is God who executes judgment,
putting down one and lifting up another.
We give thanks to you, O God; we give thanks, for your name is near.
We recount your wondrous deeds.
At the set time that I appoint
I will judge with equity.
For not from the east or from the west
and not from the wilderness comes lifting up.
But I will declare it forever;
I will sing praises to the God of Jacob.
**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.**
It is God who executes judgment,
putting down one and lifting up another.

Kyrie

LSB 186

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

Gloria in Excelsis

LSB 187

P Glory be to God on high:

C and on earth peace, good - will toward
men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we wor - ship Thee,
we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.
O Lord God, heav'n-ly King, God the Fa-ther Al - mighty.

O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je - sus Christ;

O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,

that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy up-on us.

Thou that takest away the sin of the world, re-ceive our prayer.

Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy up-

on us. For Thou only art holy; Thou on-ly art the Lord.

Thou only, O Christ, with the Ho - ly Ghost,

art most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C And with thy spirit.

P Let us pray.

O Lord of grace and mercy, teach us by Your Holy Spirit to follow the example of Your Son in true humility, that we may withstand the temptations of the devil and with pure hearts and minds avoid ungodly pride; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Old Testament Reading

Proverbs 25:2–10

²It is the glory of God to conceal things,
but the glory of kings is to search things out.

³As the heavens for height, and the earth for depth,
so the heart of kings is unsearchable.
⁴Take away the dross from the silver,
and the smith has material for a vessel;
⁵take away the wicked from the presence of the king,
and his throne will be established in righteousness.
⁶Do not put yourself forward in the king's presence
or stand in the place of the great,
⁷for it is better to be told, "Come up here,"
than to be put lower in the presence of a noble.
What your eyes have seen
⁸do not hastily bring into court,
for what will you do in the end,
when your neighbor puts you to shame?
⁹Argue your case with your neighbor himself,
and do not reveal another's secret,
¹⁰lest he who hears you bring shame upon you,
and your ill repute have no end.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Epistle

Hebrews 13:1–17

¹Let brotherly love continue. ²Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for thereby some have entertained angels unawares. ³Remember those who are in prison, as though in prison with them, and those who are mistreated, since you also are in the body. ⁴Let marriage be held in honor among all, and let the marriage bed be undefiled, for God will judge the sexually immoral and adulterous. ⁵Keep your life free from love of money, and be content with what you have, for he has said, "I will never leave you nor forsake you." ⁶So we can confidently say,

"The Lord is my helper;
I will not fear;
what can man do to me?"

⁷Remember your leaders, those who spoke to you the word of God. Consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith. ⁸Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever. ⁹Do not be led away by diverse and strange teachings, for it is good for the heart to be strengthened by grace, not by foods, which have not benefited those devoted to them. ¹⁰We have an altar from which those who serve the tent have no right to eat. ¹¹For the bodies of those animals whose blood is brought into the holy places by the high priest as

a sacrifice for sin are burned outside the camp. ¹²So Jesus also suffered outside the gate in order to sanctify the people through his own blood. ¹³Therefore let us go to him outside the camp and bear the reproach he endured. ¹⁴For here we have no lasting city, but we seek the city that is to come. ¹⁵Through him then let us continually offer up a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that acknowledge his name. ¹⁶Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

¹⁷Obey your leaders and submit to them, for they are keeping watch over your souls, as those who will have to give an account. Let them do this with joy and not with groaning, for that would be of no advantage to you.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Holy Gospel

Luke 14:1–14

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the fourteenth chapter.

C Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

¹One Sabbath, when [Jesus] went to dine at the house of a ruler of the Pharisees, they were watching him carefully. ²And behold, there was a man before him who had dropsy. ³And Jesus responded to the lawyers and Pharisees, saying, “Is it lawful to heal on the Sabbath, or not?” ⁴But they remained silent. Then he took him and healed him and sent him away. ⁵And he said to them, “Which of you, having a son or an ox that has fallen into a well on a Sabbath day, will not immediately pull him out?” ⁶And they could not reply to these things.

⁷Now he told a parable to those who were invited, when he noticed how they chose the places of honor, saying to them, ⁸“When you are invited by someone to a wedding feast, do not sit down in a place of honor, lest someone more distinguished than you be invited by him, ⁹and he who invited you both will come and say to you, ‘Give your place to this person,’ and then you will begin with shame to take the lowest place. ¹⁰But when you are invited, go and sit in the lowest place, so that when your host comes he may say to you, ‘Friend, move up higher.’ Then you will be honored in the presence of all who sit at table with you. ¹¹For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted.”

¹²He said also to the man who had invited him, “When you give a dinner or a banquet, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbors, lest they also invite you in return and you be repaid. ¹³But when you give a feast, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind, ¹⁴and you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you. You will be repaid at the resurrection of the just.”

- P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.
C Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

Apostles' Creed

C I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead.

He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life † everlasting. Amen.

842 Son of God, Eternal Savior

Sermon

Offertory

LSB 192



C Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -
 new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -
 way from Thy pres-ence, and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it
 from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va -
 tion, and up - hold me with Thy free spir-it. A - men.

Offering

Prayer of the Church

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

Heavenly Father, through the humiliation of Your Son, You have called us to a place at Your heavenly table. Teach us to treasure this place of honor and so to spurn the foolish honors of this world. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

- P** Merciful Lord, Your Son has come to us who have offended Him, called us to repentance and offered us His forgiveness. Teach us to trust His love whenever we offend Him and to go to His house to be forgiven by those called to forgive in His name. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

- P** Almighty God, grant mercy to Your Holy Church here and throughout the world and to all who confess the Christ, that unity of the Church in doctrine and practice may abound. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

- P** O Lord, You have established the family and the home to be a place where we learn, care and extend Your love to one another. We come to You on behalf of Your people, asking that You would visit and bless our homes. Strengthen and restore our relationships through the healing power of forgiveness. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

- P** Righteous judge, bless our nation and those who lead us in this land, and guide those who serve on behalf of this people. Watch over all nations, that justice and peace may reign. Grant courage to Christians to endure in faith in times of test, trial and persecution. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

- P** Gracious God, we commend to You all who pass through difficult circumstances: the lonely and the persecuted, the imprisoned and the addicted, those suffering from mental distress and those suffering from bodily affliction [*especially* _____]. Comfort them with Your promise that You will never leave or forsake them. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

- P** Divine Master, You prepare for us a heavenly feast this day. Grant us faith to cherish this banquet of forgiveness, life and salvation and, being honored by a place at Your table, inspire us to spurn all the small and fleeting honors of this world. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

- P** All these things and whatever else You know that we need, grant us, Father, for the sake of Him who died and rose again and now lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God forever.
- C** Amen.

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

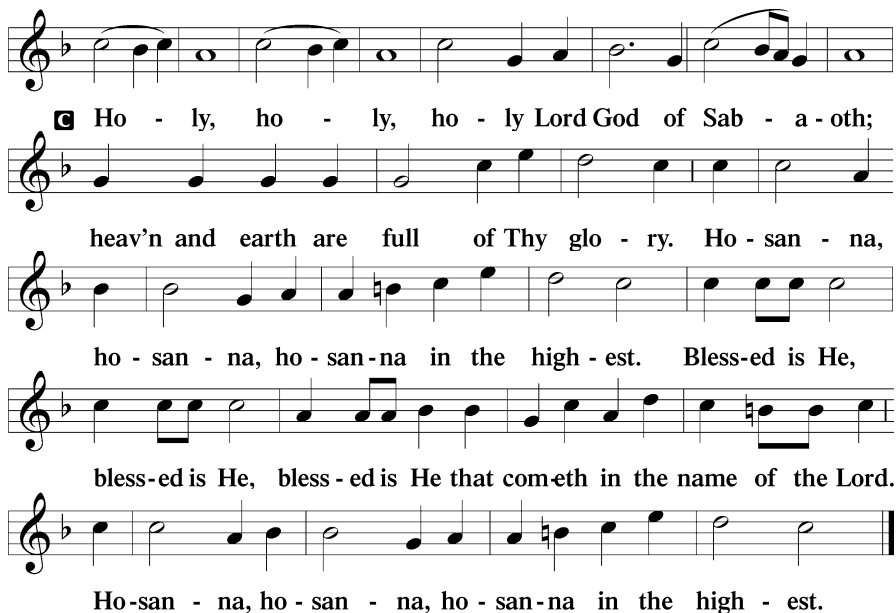
Preface & Proper Preface

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 meet and right so to do.
- P** It is truly meet, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who, out of love for His fallen creation, humbled Himself by taking on the form of a servant, becoming obedient unto death, even death upon a cross. Risen from the dead, He has freed us from eternal death and given us life everlasting. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus

LSB 195



C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth;
 heav'n and earth are full of Thy glo - ry. Ho - san - na,
 ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He,
 bless - ed is He, bless - ed is He that com - eth in the name of the Lord.
 Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

Lord's Prayer

LSB 196

- C** 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

Pax Domini

LSB 197

- P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.
C Amen.

Agnus Dei

LSB 198

O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a-way the sin of the world, have mer - cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a-way the sin of the world, have mer - cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a-way the sin of the world, grant us Thy peace. A - men.

Distribution

The Dismissal

LSB 199

- P** The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart ✠ in peace.
C Amen.

845 Where Charity and Love Prevail

625 Lord Jesus Christ, Life-Giving Bread

Nunc Dimittis

LSB 199



Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant de - part in peace ac -
cord - ing to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation,
which Thou hast pre - pared be - fore the face of all people,
a light to light - en the Gen - tiles and the glo - ry of Thy
peo - ple Is - ra - el. Glo - ry be to the Father and
to the Son and to the Ho - ly Ghost; as it was in the beginning,
is now, and ev - er shall be, world with - out end. A - men.

Thanksgiving

LSB 200

- A** O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,
C and His mercy endureth forever.

Post-Communion Collect

- A** Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

- C** Amen.

Salutation

LSB 201

- P** The Lord be with you.
C And with thy spirit.

Benedicamus

LSB 202

- A** 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.

706 Love in Christ Is Strong and Living

Acknowledgments

Divine Service, Setting Three from Lutheran Service Book; Unless otherwise indicated, Scripture quotations are from the ESV® Bible (The Holy Bible, English Standard Version®), copyright © 2001 by Crossway, a publishing ministry of Good News Publishers. Used by permission. All rights reserved.; Created by Lutheran Service Builder © 2025 Concordia Publishing House.



Announcements and Upcoming Events

Sunday, August 31, 2025

WELCOME to St. Paul's Lutheran Church: We are glad that you are here as we gather around the Word and Sacraments of our Lord Jesus Christ. If you have not already done so, we ask that you sign the guest book at the entrance to the church. If you do not have a church home and are interested in the teachings of the Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod, or if you are interested in becoming a member here at St. Paul's, please contact the church office.

Communion Guidance: Holy Scripture teaches that the Lord's Supper is a precious gift in which Jesus Christ gives us His true body and blood, together with the bread and the wine, for the forgiveness of sins and the strengthening of faith. Because the Bible teaches that this Sacrament may be spiritually harmful if it is misused and that participation in the Lord's Supper is an act of confessing a shared faith, we seek to commune those who have been instructed and confess the Christian faith as it is taught in God's Word. For visitors who wish to commune at St. Paul's, we want you know that we value you and reach out to you in love. It is our desire to provide communion for not only members of our congregation, but also members of fellow Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod (LCMS) congregations and congregations in fellowship with the LCMS. If you are not a member of such a congregation, it is godly and caring to carefully consider your attendance at the Sacrament in advance to see if there is need for further instruction or questions to be answered. Please refer to our summary of faith, which is available on our webpage and in printed form by the entrance or in the pews, to help ascertain if you share in our confession of faith or would like to receive instruction. We also invite you to speak with the pastor well before the service regarding the Sacrament of the Altar.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH:

Please note: The names listed below will remain on our public prayer list for two weeks unless the church office is notified otherwise. Thank you.

Please continue to keep our congregation, school, and child care center in your prayers. And in addition,

We Also Pray For:

We Pray for Our Fellow Parishioners: --- **Angie Fossler** (cancer), **Mike Holthus** (leukemia), **Marge Itzen** (recovering from a fall), **Cheri McConnell** (lung cancer & recovering from surgery), **Cindy Weise** (melanoma)

We Pray for Friends and Relatives of Parishioners: **Vern Ankersen**, brother of Bob Ankersen,

We Pray for Those in Service of Our Nation: Olivia Hatzenbuehler, William Kelley

Please call 402-228-1540 by Thursday if you have a petition to be included in the prayers.

Today’s Radio Broadcast is sponsored in honor of Ivan Stohs 93rd birthday and Terry Stohs Birthday, by Ivan’s children Terry, Lori and Shari.

Today’s Bulletin is sponsored by Friends of St. Paul’s.

Children’s Bulletin is sponsored by Friends of St. Paul’s.

WORSHIP HELPERS FOR THIS WEEK

9:00 am Divine Service

- Preacher: Rev. David Rempher
Organist: Vivian Zimmerman
Reader: Duane Delozier
Elder: Jared Himmelberg
Acolytes: Sofia Eisele, Chloe Oltmans
Greeters: Lois Podendorf
Ushers: Terry Brethhouwer, Clair Duensing, Dale Rickers, Mike Duever, LaVerne Malchow, Roger Mohling

STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

Luke 14:11 – “For whoever exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted.” “The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom” (Psalm 111:10). That’s called humility. The Lord is God and we are not. With that in mind, how could we not seek to follow His Word in all aspects of life? He knows what He is talking about and we don’t. If you believe that, then striking out on a path of faithfulness in the realm of stewardship is a lot easier: it just makes sense.

GIFTS OF TIME AND TREASURE

Contributions	
Weekly Offering	\$13,847.00
Coins for Christ (Loose Coins)	\$0.00

OUR WEEKLY BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES!

Birthdays:

- 31 Elizabeth DeBuhr
Janette Hill
Travis Ruskamp
2 Patricia Nave
Ivan Long
4 Latisha Salazar
5 Rachel Huls

Glenda Naaf
6 Blake Lofing

Anniversaries:

- 31 Rodney Aden & Melody Philippi-Aden, 34 yrs.
- 4 Ron & Julie Fehn, 33 yrs.
- 5 Ronald & Glenda Naaf, 27 yrs.
- Greg & Holli Penner, 17 yrs.

THE LORD’S WEEK

Sunday	8:00	Radio Broadcast on KWBE
	9:00	Divine Service
		No Adult Bible Class/Sunday School
	10:15	5 th Sunday Brunch
Tuesday	2:00	LWML Executive Committee Board Meeting
	6:30	Elders, Evangelism, & Stewardship Meetings
Wednesday	8:15	School Chapel
	1:00	Dorcas Society @ the Villa
Thursday	9:30	Ruth Circle @ the Villa
Saturday		Kelly’s Day Off
Sunday	8:00	Radio Broadcast on KWBE
	9:00	Divine Service
		No Adult Bible Class/Sunday School
	10:15	Christian Education Sunday Brunch

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS will change beginning August 1st so Kelly can help the help at the school. While Kelly is working at the school calls to the church office will be forwarded to her cell phone. Her new hours will be Monday through Friday.

- 8:00am-11:00am in the church office
- 11:15am-1:15pm in the school office
- 1:15pm-2:15pm Kelly will be at lunch
- 2:15pm-5:00pm in the church office
- Kelly’s day off will be Saturday.

The office may be closed on occasion, so please call ahead. Church office number is 402-228-1540.

BUSY BAGS for your child to use and return are available in the narthex of the church. If you need assistance, please ask an usher or greeter.

LARGE PRINT HYMNALS: St. Paul’s has large print hymnals available for use during the services. The hymnals are in the back pew and on a table by the elevator. Feel free to take them to your pew.

RADIO & BULLETIN SPONSORSHIPS: Radio Broadcasts, Bulletin, & Quarterly Children’s Bulletin Sponsorships are currently being scheduled for 2025. 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. Please call Kelly in the church office if you are interested in sponsoring a date or quarter. Current dates available for radio broadcast are: October 5, October 12, and October 26 are the only dates left available for 2025. Current dates available for bulletin sponsorships are: any date you would like to pick in 2025.

CALL COMMITTEE: The call committee has recently started the process of calling a new pastor. We are being given guidance from Pastor Warneke (circuit visitor) and President Snow in this process. One of the first steps is gathering information from our congregation in the form of a self-study. It is very important that we receive as much feedback from our members as possible so that we can choose a pastor that fits our congregational needs the best. We are asking each congregational member 18 years of age and older to complete a self-study form. Forms have been emailed out and will also be available before or after church in the narthex or in the church office. We are asking that all forms be completed and returned to the church office or put in the box in the narthex by no later than Sunday, September 21st so that our committee can begin the task of compiling the information. It is of utmost importance that we get as many of these forms back as possible. There are two pages to fill out and an accompanying definition list. We ask that you follow the definitions given, so that answers are as accurate and as objective as possible. If you have any questions or need clarification, please contact any member of the call committee. Thank you for your time and input as we go through the process of selecting our next pastor. Members of the call committee are: Rod Aden 402-239-5305, David Doering 402-806-1015, Carissa Hoops 402-806-6888, Carla Loemker 402-520-0015, Brad Long 425-949-9753, Diane Lux 402-239-0411, Kelly Mees 402-806-8839, Martin D. Seckel, Jr 402-223-7029, Penny Shaffer 402-239-3906, and Marilus Snyder 402-223-0434.

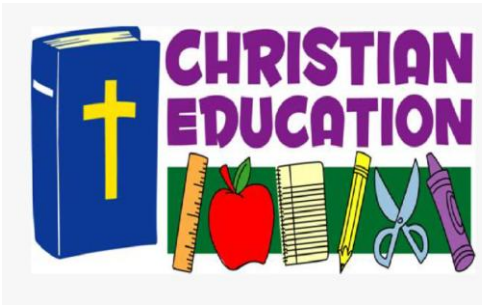
GAS LEAK AT THE CHURCH: The church was notified a couple weeks ago by the gas company that we have a gas leak. A probable location of the leak was determined by the gas company, but the leak is on our side of the gas meter so fixing it is our responsibility. Ron has been trying by diligently digging to locate the leak, but has yet to determine the exact location. If anyone in the congregation would be willing to work with him to help solve this problem, please contact him. This project is too much for one person to do by themselves. Ron's phone number is 402-223-0449 or you may contact Kelly in the church office and she will let Ron know you are interested in helping with the project. Good news is the hot water

heaters are electric so we have hot water, but the bad news is we need to get the leak fixed before winter or we will have not heat.

ST. PAUL’S LUTHERAN YOUTH GROUP INFORMATION

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 Joanna Gellermann-Long 425-591-5318.

Christian Education Sunday Brunch

On Sunday, September 7, 2025 in
the fellowship hall at 10:15am after Christian
Education Sunday Service the St.
Paul’s Youth Group will be hosting a
Free Will donation Casserole Brunch
with proceeds going to help fund their
trip to the middle school youth
gathering. Plan now to join us as we
support the youth of our congregation.

ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN SCHOOL INFORMATION

OUR FAMILY AND BEST CHOICE UPC CODES: Please save the labels from all Our Family and Best Choice products and bring them to school or church. We need the UPC codes from them. We receive \$25.00 for each group of 500 Our Family UPC codes we send in. We receive \$30.00 for each group of 1,000 Best Choice UPS codes we send in. So please bring all your Our Family and Best Choice labels to school or church. They are Valuable!

Big Give Gage

On Thursday, September 12, the Gage County Foundation is Hosting the "Big Give." This is a 24-hour day of giving that encourages everyone to contribute to Gage County nonprofit organizations.

St. Paul's Lutheran School is participating, raising funds for epoxy flooring in our South School Bathrooms and Carpeting throughout our classrooms, hallways, and commons areas. Please consider giving if you are able to support our school! For more information, visit biggivegage.org

COMMUNITY EVENTS

KIDS IN THE DIVINE SERVICE

What is a “psalm”?

If you open a Bible to the middle, you might find the book of Psalms. The psalms are prayers and praises to God. During Old Testament times, the psalms were sung during worship in the temple. The book of Psalms was like the hymnal of the Old Testament.

Why do we sing them in church on Sunday?

Many of the psalms were written to use in worship. Christians have been singing psalms to the Lord since the beginning. Colossians 3:16 instructs us to use psalms, “Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God.”



Parents: Before or after the service, show your child where to find the book of Psalms in the Bible. Remind them that these are prayers and praises to God that He gave to us. There's no better way to worship than with the words He has given! Try using one in your devotions at home.



St. Paul's Lutheran Church, School, & Childcare

2nd Annual

Blessings of The Harvest Dinner & Auction

@ Vintage Venue, Beatrice, NE



Saturday, November 22nd

Doors Open 4:30 pm

Dinner 6:00

Live Auction 7:00

Get your tickets in the church/school office

or in the narthex on Sunday mornings.

\$50 per ticket, includes meal and 2 drink tickets.

(\$25 of each ticket is a tax-deductible contribution)

Beautifying Our Church

With grateful hearts we acknowledge, "The Lord hath done great things for us; whereof we are glad." Psalm 126:3.

All blessings we have received, all favors of divine grace that have been shown us, all manifestations of His love that we have experienced, we ascribe to His mercy and loving kindness. All praise, honor and glory to Him, for He has given us His Holy Word and has continued to share among us the sweet Gospel of our Redeemer.

This year St. Paul's Lutheran Church is celebrating its 110th birthday. The cornerstone of our current building was laid in 1954, making our building 71 years old. In honor of our birthday, we are going to do some upgrades within our church. Some of these upgrades are painting the inside of the church, repair/replacing the lights outside of the church, refinishing the front doors, installing new tile flooring, installing new carpet, painting wood trim around door frames, cleaning the church, and so much more.

You may have noticed some of the work has already begun in the sanctuary. If you have a desire to help with any of these projects, contact Ron Fehn (402-223-0449). He is always looking for willing volunteers.

Would you be willing to donate to help offset some of the cost associated with these projects? If you are so inclined you may place your gift in the offering plate or bring it by the church office. Make sure to ere mark your gift "St. Paul's Birthday."

If you have Thrivent insurance, you might want to consider applying for a Thrivent Action Grant for \$250. Carla Loemker is willing to coordinate the application of these. Her number is 402-520-0015. Ron has obtained estimates for some of these projects. Here are some of the estimated costs.

~~Painting the sanctuary \$3,680 (fully funded)~~ completed - actual cost was \$3,680

Replacing the lights outside \$3,500 (fully funded)

Replacing the lights in the stairs outside \$660 (fully funded)

Refinishing the front doors \$300 (fully funded)

Painting trim around doors \$100 (fully funded)

~~Replacing the carpet and tile \$18,000 (\$16,026.94 fully funded)~~ completed - actual cost was \$16,026.94

Replacing the ceiling tile in the chapel

Putting LED lighting in the stained-glass pictures \$500 (fully funded)

Flat Roof Replacement (front part of church) \$7,009.19 completed (\$6,838.06 given so far)

If you would like your donations to go to a certain part of the project, please let us know.

Thank you for your prayerful consideration of supporting this project, whether it be through prayer, physical labor, grants, or monetary donations.

