

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

321 N 10th, Beatrice, NE 68310

March 1, 2026 - Second Sunday of Lent

**Welcome!** We're glad you're here and hope to see you again soon! Please sign the guest book at the entrance of the church. If you do not 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.

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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)

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

**Verse1: Guide me, O Thou great Redeemer,  
Pilgrim through this barren land.**

**I am weak, but Thou art mighty;**

**Hold me with Thy pow'rful hand.**

**Bread of heaven, bread of heaven,**

**Feed me till I want no more; Feed me till I want no more.**

**Verse2: 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.**

**Verse3: 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. Please stand**

## CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

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. Our help is in the name of the Lord,

**P: 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*

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.**

**Introit:** (Psalm 105:4-7; antiphon: v.8)

P: He remembers his covenant forever, the word that he commanded, for a thousand generations.

**C: Seek the LORD and his strength; seek his presence continually!**

P: Remember the wondrous works that he has done,  
his miracles, and the judgments he uttered,

**C: O offspring of Abraham, his servant, children of Jacob, his chosen ones!**

P: He is the LORD our God; his judgments are in all the earth.

**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: He remembers his covenant forever, the word that he commanded, for a thousand generations.

**♪ Kyrie**

**C: Lord, have mercy upon us.**

**Christ, have mercy upon us.**

**Lord, have mercy upon us.**

**♪ Salutation and Collect**

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And with thy spirit.**

P: O God, You see that of ourselves we have no strength. By Your mighty power defend us from all adversities that may happen to the body and from all evil thoughts that may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen. Be seated

**First Reading: Genesis 12:1-9**

<sup>1</sup>The LORD said to Abram, "Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. <sup>2</sup>And I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. <sup>3</sup>I will bless those who bless you, and him who dishonors you I will curse, and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed."

<sup>4</sup>So Abram went, as the LORD had told him, and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran. <sup>5</sup>And Abram took Sarai his wife, and Lot his brother's son, and all their possessions that they had gathered, and the people that they had acquired in Haran, and they set out to go to the land of Canaan. When they came to the land of Canaan, <sup>6</sup>Abram passed through the land to the place at Shechem, to the oak of Moreh. At that time the Canaanites were in the land. <sup>7</sup>Then the LORD appeared to Abram and said, "To your offspring I will give this land." So he built there an altar to the LORD, who had appeared to him. <sup>8</sup>From there he moved to the hill country on the east of Bethel and pitched his tent, with Bethel on the west and Ai on the east. And there he built an altar to the LORD and called upon the name of the LORD. <sup>9</sup>And Abram journeyed on, still going toward the Negeb.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

**St. Paul's School students: Sing - Go Mongolia**

**Second Reading: Roman 4:1-8, 13-17**

<sup>1</sup>What then shall we say was gained by Abraham, our forefather according to the flesh? <sup>2</sup>For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. <sup>3</sup>For what does the Scripture say? "Abraham believed God, and it was counted to him as righteousness." <sup>4</sup>Now to the one who works, his wages are not counted as a gift but as his due. <sup>5</sup>And to the one who does not work but trusts him who justifies the ungodly, his faith is counted as righteousness, <sup>6</sup>just as David also speaks of the blessing of the one to whom God counts righteousness apart from works:

<sup>7</sup>"Blessed are those whose lawless deeds are forgiven,  
and whose sins are covered;

<sup>8</sup>blessed is the man against whom the Lord will not count his sin." . . .

<sup>13</sup>For the promise to Abraham and his offspring that he would be heir of the world did not come through the law but through the righteousness of faith. <sup>14</sup>For if it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. <sup>15</sup>For the law brings wrath, but where there is no law there is no transgression.

<sup>16</sup>That is why it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his offspring—not only to the adherent of the law but also to the one who shares the faith of Abraham, who is the father of us all, <sup>17</sup>as it is written, “I have made you the father of many nations”—in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**      *Please stand*

### **Holy Gospel: John 3:1-17**

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the third chapter.

♪ **C: Glory be to Thee, O Lord.**

<sup>1</sup>Now there was a man of the Pharisees named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews. <sup>2</sup>This man came to Jesus by night and said to him, “Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher come from God, for no one can do these signs that you do unless God is with him.” <sup>3</sup>Jesus answered him, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born again he cannot see the kingdom of God.” <sup>4</sup>Nicodemus said to him, “How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter a second time into his mother’s womb and be born?” <sup>5</sup>Jesus answered, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God. <sup>6</sup>That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. <sup>7</sup>Do not marvel that I said to you, ‘You must be born again.’ <sup>8</sup>The wind blows where it wishes, and you hear its sound, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.”

<sup>9</sup>Nicodemus said to him, “How can these things be?” <sup>10</sup>Jesus answered him, “Are you the teacher of Israel and yet you do not understand these things? <sup>11</sup>Truly, truly, I say to you, we speak of what we know, and bear witness to what we have seen, but you do not receive our testimony. <sup>12</sup>If I have told you earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you heavenly things? <sup>13</sup>No one has ascended into heaven except he who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. <sup>14</sup>And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, <sup>15</sup>that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

<sup>16</sup>“For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. <sup>17</sup>For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.”

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

♪ **C: 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 Pontious 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.      *Be seated*

**Hymn 708: “Lord, Thee I Love with All My Heart”**

**Verse 1: Lord, Thee I love with all my heart;**

**I pray Thee, ne'er from me depart,  
With tender mercy cheer me.  
Earth has no pleasure I would share.  
Yea, heav'n itself were void and bare  
If Thou, Lord wert not near me.  
And should my heart for sorrow break,  
My trust in Thee can nothing shake.  
Thou art the portion I have sought;  
Thy precious blood my soul has bought.  
Lord Jesus Christ, my God and Lord, my God and Lord,  
Forsake me not! I trust Thy Word.**

**Verse 2: Yea, Lord, 'twas Thy rich bounty gave**

**My body, soul, and all I have  
In this poor life of labor.  
Lord, grant that I in ev'ry place  
May glorify Thy lavish grace  
And help and serve my neighbor.  
Let no false doctrine me beguile;  
Let Satan not my soul defile.  
Give strength and patience unto me  
To bear my cross and follow Thee.  
Lord Jesus Christ, my God and Lord, my God and Lord,**

In death Thy comfort still afford.

**Verse 3:** Lord, let at last Thine angels come,  
To Abr'ham's bosom bear me home,  
That I may die unfearing;  
And in its narrow chamber keep  
My body safe in peaceful sleep  
Until Thy reappearing.  
And then from death awaken me,  
That these mine eyes with joy may see,  
O Son of God, Thy glorious face,  
My Savior and my fount of grace.  
Lord Jesus Christ, my prayer attend, my prayer attend,  
And I will praise Thee without end.

### Sermon

**The Fourth Commandment:** Honor your father and your mother.

*What does this mean?*

We should fear and love God so that we do not despise or anger our parents and other authorities, but honor them, serve and obey them, love and cherish them.

#### **Ephesians 6:1-3**

Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. <sup>2</sup> "Honor your father and mother" (this is the first commandment with a promise),  
<sup>3</sup> "that it may go well with you and that you may live long in the land."

#### **John 19:25-27**

<sup>25</sup> but standing by the cross of Jesus were his mother and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. <sup>26</sup> When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing nearby, he said to his mother, "Woman, behold, your son!" <sup>27</sup> Then he said to the disciple,  
"Behold, your mother!" And from that hour the disciple took her to his own home.

*Please stand*    *♪ Offertory*

**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.    *Be seated***

Offering    St. Paul's School students: Handbells – Just As I Am

*Please stand*    Prayer of the Church

Congregation responds “**hear our prayer**” after each petition.  
“**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.....evermore praising You and saying:

#### ♪ Sanctus

**C: Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth;**

**Heaven 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

**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

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

P: 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.

Be seated      Distribution

*Distribution Hymn 601: "All Who Believe and Are Baptized"*

Verse1: All who believe and are baptized  
Shall see the Lord's salvation;  
Baptized into the death of Christ,  
They are a new creation.  
Through Christ's redemption they shall stand  
Among the glorious, heav'nly band  
Of ev'ry tribe and nation.

Verse2: With one accord, O God, we pray:  
Grant us Your Holy Spirit.  
Help us in our infirmity  
Through Jesus' blood and merit.  
Grant us to grow in grace each day  
That by this sacrament we may  
Eternal life inherit.

*Distribution Hymn 732: "All Depends on Our Possessing"*

Verse1: All depends on our possessing  
God's abundant grace and blessing,  
Though all earthly wealth depart.  
They who trust with faith unshaken  
By their God are not forsaken  
And will keep a dauntless heart.

Verse2: He who to this day has fed me  
And to many joys has led me  
Is and ever shall be mine.  
He who ever gently schools me,  
He who daily guides and rules me  
Will remain my help divine.

**Verse3: Many spend their lives in fretting  
Over trifles and in getting  
Things that have no solid ground.  
I shall strive to win a treasure  
That will bring me lasting pleasure  
And that now is seldom found.**

**Verse4: When with sorrow I am stricken,  
Hope anew my heart will quicken;  
All my longing shall be stilled.  
To His loving-kindness tender  
Soul and body I surrender,  
For on God alone I build.**

**Verse5: Well He knows what best to grant me;  
All the longing hopes that haunt me,  
Joy and sorrow, have their day.  
I shall doubt His wisdom never;  
As God wills, so be it ever;  
I commit to Him my way.**

**Verse6: If my days on earth He lengthen,  
God my weary soul will strengthen;  
All my trust in Him I place.  
Earthly wealth is not abiding,  
Like a stream away is gliding;  
Safe I anchor in His grace.**

***Distribution Hymn 622: "Lord Jesus Christ You Have Prepared"***

**Verse1: Lord Jesus Christ, You have prepared  
This feast for our salvation;  
It is Your body and Your blood,  
And at Your invitation  
As weary souls, with sin oppressed,  
We come to You for needed rest,  
For comfort, and for pardon.**

**Verse2: Although You did to heav'n ascend,  
Where angel hosts are dwelling,  
And in Your presence they behold  
Your glory, all excelling,  
And though Your people shall not see  
Your glory and Your majesty  
Till dawns the judgment morning,**

**Verse3: Yet, Savior, You are not confined  
To any habitation;  
But You are present even now  
Here with Your congregation.  
Firm as a rock this truth shall stand,  
Unmoved by any daring hand  
Or subtle craft and cunning.**

**Verse4: We eat this bread and drink this cup,  
Your precious Word believing  
That Your true body and Your blood  
Our lips are here receiving.  
This Word remains forever true;  
All things are possible with You,  
For You are Lord Almighty.**

**Verse5: Though reason cannot understand,  
Yet faith this truth embraces:  
Your body, Lord, is even now  
At once in many places.  
I leave to You how this can be;  
Your Word alone suffices me;  
I trust its truth unfailing.**

**Verse6: Lord, I believe what You have said;  
Help me when doubts assail me.  
Remember that I am but dust,  
And let my faith not fail me.  
Your supper in this vale of tears  
Refreshes me and stills my fears  
And is my priceless treasure.**

**Verse7: Grant that we worthily receive  
Your supper, Lord, our Savior,  
And, truly grieving for our sins,  
May prove by our behavior  
That we are thankful for Your grace  
And day by day may run our race,  
In holiness increasing.**

**Verse8: For Your consoling supper, Lord,  
Be praised throughout all ages!  
Preserve it, for in ev'ry place  
The world against it rages.**

**Grant that this sacrament may be  
A blessed comfort unto me  
When living and when dying.**

*Please stand*     **♪ Nunc Dimittis (Song of Simeon)**

**C: Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace according  
to Thy word,**

**for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation, which Thou has 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**

**♪P: O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good.**

**♪C: and His mercy endureth forever.**

**P: Let us pray. We give thanks....**

**♪ C: A---men.**

**♪ 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.     Be seated**

**Departing Hymn 635: "From High Atop the Mount"**

**Verse 1: From high a-top the mount where Moses stands,**

**thro' cloud and storm the voice of God is heard:**

**"I am the Lord, and these are my commands.**

**In all you do, obey my ev-'ry word."**

**Verse 4: Your highest love and trust belong to me;**

**to these no other god has any right.**

**Not health or wealth or self or family**

**but I alone shall be your chief delight.**

**Verse 7: Your parents must be honored and obeyed;  
dishonor them and you dishonor me.  
How well it goes for all who have displayed  
respect for those who hold authority!**

**Verse 3: Your life, O Christ, is counted as our own;  
our guilt was crucified in none but you.  
In keeping your commands our love is shown –  
now work within us both to will and do.**

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**Serving Today:**

Pastor: Pastor Karl Hollibaugh                      Elder: Craig Fisher  
Organist: Bev Duensing                      Reader: Dave Doering  
Acolytes: Parker Fossler and Tyler Wright  
Greeters: Vaughn & Tina Wright  
Ushers: Eric Jobman, Bob Pfingsten, Gary Swanson, Andrew Landon

**Please remember with prayers, cards, texts, or calls, our sisters- and brothers-in-Christ who are hospitalized or ill at home:** Joyce Neumann (heart attack); Mary Scheve, Angie Fossler, Mike Holthus, Cheri McConnell, Cindy Weise (all with cancer); Duane Delozier (heart surgery), Pat Nave; Michelle Baker (surgery); Chuck Baker (leukemia); Beverly Johnson (mother of Vickie Sutter, ex-wife of Bud Johnson); Olivia Hatzenbuehler and William Kelley (military). **\*\*Please contact the church by Thursday morning** with additions or corrections to this prayer list.

**Today's radio broadcast is sponsored by St. Paul's Lutheran School students** in honor of National Lutheran Schools Week.

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A calendar is near the office door to write church activities in that you would like to be listed in the bulletin.

**Happening this week:**

Sunday, Mar 1    8:00 am KWBE Broadcast of previous week  
                          9:00 am Divine Service – School Children sing  
                          10:15 am Children's SS, Adult Bible Study  
Wednes, Mar 4    10:30 am Lenten Worship with meal to follow

1:00 pm Dorcas at church

5:30 pm Lenten Worship with meal to follow

6:30 pm Confirmation Class

Friday, Mar 6 10:30 am Grandparent program at school

Sunday, Mar 8 8:00 am KWBE Broadcast of previous week

9:00 am Divine Service

10:15 am Children's SS, Adult Bible Study

Reminder: Next Sunday, March 8<sup>th</sup>, daylight savings time begins. Spring forward!

**Lent Services will be held** Wednesdays during Lent on March 4, 11, 18, and 25 at 10:30 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. **Meals will be offered** following each of those services with an optional free will offering. We'd like the community to know about the services and meals so **please invite friends and neighbors**. Some in our community experience hunger and we'd like this to be an opportunity for them to get a hot meal.

Pastor Hollibaugh started a 10-12 week Bible study last Sunday, "***See Through the Scriptures***". It's not too late to jump in and come this week! Understanding how events/prophesies in the Bible can be daunting. "***See Through the Scriptures***" makes the Bible more accessible by taking readers step-by-step through the entire biblical narrative from Genesis to Revelation, putting everything in clear context. You will see how the Old Testament and the New Testament books of the Bible fit together. With graphics designed to help people grasp and remember the key events and concepts of the Bible, you will gain a new appreciation for everything that preceded Jesus, helping us to more fully understand the deeper meaning of His ministry and message of love and servanthood. **Please join us downstairs following worship for refreshments and the Bible Study.**

**Jr/Sr High students:** "***See Through the Scriptures***" is for you too! Please join the study following worship.

### **March Anniversaries- Happy Anniversary!**

*(if yours is missing, let us know!)*

3 Robert & Julie Pfingsten, 36 yrs.

15 Kevin & Shirley Petersen, 40 yrs.

21 Robert & Vicki Frerking, 40 yrs.

Matthew & Jill Helmke, 17 yrs.

27 Richard & Mary Scheve, 55 yrs.

31 Steven & Phyllis Schmidt, 47 yrs.

### **March Birthdays – Happy Birthday!**

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

2 Kenneth Crosier, Wayne Oestreich

3 Jim Porter

- 6 Donald Junker, Barbara Rose
- 10 Larry Smith
- 12 Ron Fehn, Steven Schmidt
- 13 Taelyn Lang
- 14 Jaxon Norris, Geraldine Smith
- 15 Janell Holle, Brian Walters
- 17 Hunter Zarybnicky
- 18 Wayne Schulz, Vaughn Wright
- 19 Garry Busboom, Melvin Oltmans, Kevin Riekenberg
- 20 Candice Mentgen
- 21 Rodney Aden, Norman McConnell
- 22 Marilyn Adam
- 24 Chelsea Guiffre
- 26 Kathleen Buhr
- 27 Cooper Fralin, Christopher Teeter
- 28 Olivia Aden
- 29 Connie Oltmans
- 31 Carolyn Junker, Rose Pittman

Brad Long has a **received a call** to Wolf River Lutheran High School in Shawano, Wisconsin. He's asking for prayers as he deliberates this call.

**Thank you to the families of Melvin Bodtke and Lowell Rahe** who designated memorial money for the purchase of a new computer and other equipment to continue live streaming our services. Your memorial money is being used to serve many people who can't attend services in person.

The office is **emailing weekly bulletins on Fridays or Saturdays** to all who have given us their email. If you are not receiving an email prior to Sunday services, please email us at **[stpaulbeatrice@gmail.com](mailto:stpaulbeatrice@gmail.com)** to request receiving them. Monthly newsletters are not being made.

**Exciting News from the Call Committee:**

**Pastor Joey Bluege and his wife Catherine** and their three children will visit Beatrice and St. Paul's on March 17 & 18. Pastor Joey's schedule on Wednesday, March 18 is:

8:30 a.m.—Chapel at school with his family,  
followed by a visit to the classrooms.

Approximately 11:15 a.m.—Attend the meal after the morning  
Lenten service at church.

3:20 p.m.—Meet with school staff

5:30—Attend Lenten service and the meal.

After Lenten meal: Joint meeting with the Board of Elders  
& Church Council.

He and his family will explore Beatrice and visit with the Call Committee on Tuesday, March 17. Pastor Bluege presently is Associate Pastor at Faith Lutheran Church in Branson, MO.

**Lutheran Schools Week begins today** with the theme *"Make a Joyful Noise"* based on Psalm 98:4. We will celebrate our school and our families with songs, skits, and a variety of entertainment by our K-5 grade students. The children will sing at church on Sunday, March 1, have special activities all week with the **Grandparents Day program on Friday, March 6** at 10:00 in the school gymnasium. All are invited! Our **service project** for the week is making and delivering Care Packages for the Shut-ins and our school neighbors.

**The song the K-5 students are singing today** is from our online mission trip: Gospel Adventures: Go Mongolia, which is a project of the Lutheran Hour Ministries. During the last week of January we learned all about the country and culture of Mongolia and how the Gospel message is spreading in a country where missionaries were only recently allowed in the last 30 years. Our bible verse for the week was Ephesians 3:17-18: "Then Christ will make his home in your hearts as you trust in him. Your roots will grow down into God's love and keep you strong. And may you have the power to understand, as all God's people should, how wide, how long, how high, and how deep his love is." God's love is big, and we're all part of his family whether we live in Beatrice or in Mongolia! We can trust Him when life is hard. We can see evidence of God's love, no matter where we are! Thank you to the children for sharing their voices!

**The PTL is sponsoring a Roller Skating Party** to kick off Lutheran Schools Week! The Skating party will be held today on **Sunday, March 1st from 5:30 to 7:30pm at the Beatrice Rolla Rena. The cost is \$6.00 per skater.** Everyone is invited to come and have fun skating with us!

**All are invited to attend the Grandparents Day program** at school on Friday, March 6 at 10:00 a.m. in the gymnasium....even if you don't have grandkids attending St. Paul's School. Come see what the children at St. Paul's have prepared for their program!

We are **accepting applications for new students** in Pre-School, Pre-Kindergarten and Kindergarten through 5<sup>th</sup> grade for the next school year, 2026-2027. Please contact the school office if you need an application.

**School's Ongoing Scrip Card Fundraiser:** Order pre-paid shopping cards through St. Paul's Lutheran School "Script Card" Program and our school automatically gets money in return at no extra cost to you! Please contact the school office to order for your own use or for gifts.

**"Inspired - A Women's Retreat"**, at **Grace Lutheran, Fairbury Saturday, March 21.** Author and speaker, Christina Hergenrader will present Luke 1 and the story of Mary and Elizabeth to our

participants. Three sessions include the topics of Peace: Resting Through Interruptions; Love: Encouragement Shapes Courage; and Sisterhood: Showing Up and Recognizing God's Work. A fee of \$20 for the day includes a lunch, treats and a book from Christina. Contact Laura for additional details at Grace via phone - (402)729-5163 or by email, [gl92901@windstream.net](mailto:gl92901@windstream.net). Space is limited so act now!

Please save **Russ's Register Receipts** (through March), **Our Family and Best Choice UPC** codes. They can be put in the box in the narthex. Our current Russ's receipts total is \$272,117.12.

**The money set aside for the Nebraska's Child Care Tax Credit Act has all been allocated. No applications are being taken until next year. Please keep us in mind then.**

**St. Joseph's Friday fish fries:** Feb. 27, March 6, 13, & 20, 5:30-7:00pm in the Parish Center at 6th and High Street, enter at the northeast school doors. Fried and baked fish, coleslaw, French fries, green beans, mac and cheese, baked potato, and deserts. \$12 per adult, \$6 kids 4-10 (under 4 eat free), \$40 max price per family. Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus Council 1723.

- **Church office hours** vary. Please leave a message at 402-228-1540 or email [stpaulbeatrice@gmail.com](mailto:stpaulbeatrice@gmail.com).
- **For immediate assistance**, contact Church Chair Rod Aden 402- 239-5305; Head Elder Chuck Baker 714-232-2794; or Finance Committee member Dave Doering 402-806-1015.
- **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 attached** are available from an usher.
- Want to get news from the LCMS Nebraska District? Go to [ndlcms.org](http://ndlcms.org) to sign up for a weekly emailed newsletter.

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