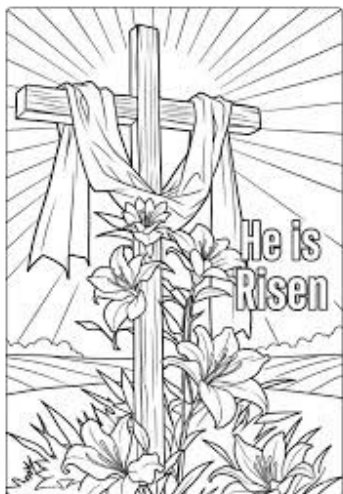


Welcome to St. Paul's Lutheran Church (LCMS)

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

May 10, 2026

Sixth Sunday of Easter



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

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

Hymns are found in the Lutheran Service Book in the pews. We're using Divine Service, Setting 1 on page 151 in the front section of the hymnal.

(♪ denotes responses that are to be sung. **P** = Pastor; **C** = Congregation)

Opening Hymn 469: Christ the Lord Is Risen Today

- 1 "Christ the Lord is ris'n today!"
Saints on earth and angels say;
Raise your joys and triumphs high;
Sing, ye heav'ns, and earth, reply.
- 2 Love's redeeming work is done,
Fought the fight, the battle won;
Lo! Our Sun's eclipse is o'er;
Lo! He sets in blood no more.
- 3 Vain the stone, the watch, the seal;
Christ hath burst the gates of hell.
Death in vain forbids His rise;
Christ has opened paradise.
- 4 Lives again our glorious King!
Where, O death, is now thy sting?

Once He died our souls to save;
Where thy victory, O grave?

5 Soar we now where Christ has led;
Foll'wing our exalted Head.
Made like Him, like Him we rise;
Ours the cross, the grave, the skies.

6 Hail the Lord of earth and heav'n!
Praise to Thee by both be giv'n!
Thee we greet triumphant now:
Hail, the resurrection, Thou!

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CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Stand The sign of the cross may be made in Baptismal Remembrance.

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

CAmen.

PIf we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C**But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

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

PLet us then confess our sins to God our Father.

C**Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake**

of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name.
Amen.

P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore 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 119:89–93; antiphon: v. 105

P Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.

C Forever, O Lord, your word is firmly fixed in the heavens.

P Your faithfulness endures to all generations; you have established the earth, and it stands fast.

**C By your appointment they stand this day,
for all things are your servants.**

P If your law had not been my delight,

C I would have perished in my affliction.

P I will never forget your precepts, for by them you have given me life.

**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 Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.

♪ Kyrie

LSB 152

P In peace let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mercy.

P For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mercy.

P For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

C **Amen.**

♪ **This is the Feast**

LSB 155

C **Refrain: This is the feast of victory for our God.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God. Refrain

Power, riches, wisdom, and strength, and honor, blessing, and glory are His. Refrain

**Sing with all the people of God,
and join in the hymn of all creation:**

**Blessing, honor, glory, and might
be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen. Refrain**

For the Lamb who was slain has begun His reign. Alleluia.

**Final Refrain: This is the feast of victory for our God.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

♪ **Salutation and Collect of the Day**

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray.

O God, the giver of all that is good, by Your holy inspiration grant that we may think those things that are right and by Your merciful guiding accomplish them; through Jesus Christ, Your

Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen. Please sit

First Reading

Acts 17:16–31

¹⁶While Paul was waiting for them at Athens, his spirit was provoked within him as he saw that the city was full of idols. ¹⁷So he reasoned in the synagogue with the Jews and the devout persons, and in the marketplace every day with those who happened to be there. ¹⁸Some of the Epicurean and Stoic philosophers also conversed with him. And some said, “What does this babbler wish to say?” Others said, “He seems to be a preacher of foreign divinities”—because he was preaching Jesus and the resurrection. ¹⁹And they took hold of him and brought him to the Areopagus, saying, “May we know what this new teaching is that you are presenting? ²⁰For you bring some strange things to our ears. We wish to know therefore what these things mean.” ²¹Now all the Athenians and the foreigners who lived there would spend their time in nothing except telling or hearing something new.

²²So Paul, standing in the midst of the Areopagus, said: “Men of Athens, I perceive that in every way you are very religious. ²³For as I passed along and observed the objects of your worship, I found also an altar with this inscription, ‘To the unknown god.’ What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. ²⁴The God who made the world and everything in it, being Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in temples made by man, ²⁵nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mankind life and breath and everything. ²⁶And he made from one man every nation of mankind to live on all the face of the earth, having determined allotted periods and

the boundaries of their dwelling place, ²⁷that they should seek God, in the hope that they might feel their way toward him and find him. Yet he is actually not far from each one of us, ²⁸for

“In him we live and move and have our being’;

as even some of your own poets have said,

“For we are indeed his offspring.’

²⁹Being then God’s offspring, we ought not to think that the divine being is like gold or silver or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of man. ³⁰The times of ignorance God overlooked, but now he commands all people everywhere to repent, ³¹because he has fixed a day on which he will judge the world in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed; and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead.”

R This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Epistle

1 Peter 3:13–22

¹³Now who is there to harm you if you are zealous for what is good? ¹⁴But even if you should suffer for righteousness’ sake, you will be blessed. Have no fear of them, nor be troubled, ¹⁵but in your hearts regard Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; ¹⁶yet do it with gentleness and respect, having a good conscience, so that, when you are slandered, those who revile your good behavior in Christ may be put to shame. ¹⁷For it is better to suffer for doing good, if that should be God’s will, than for doing evil.

¹⁸For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh but made alive in the spirit, ¹⁹in which he went and proclaimed to the spirits in prison, ²⁰because they formerly did not

obey, when God's patience waited in the days of Noah, while the ark was being prepared, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were brought safely through water. ²¹Baptism, which corresponds to this, now saves you, not as a removal of dirt from the body but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, ²²who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers having been subjected to him.

R This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God. *Please Stand*

♪ **C** Alleluia and Verse

LSB 156

Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia, alleluia.

Holy Gospel

John 14:15–21

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

♪ **C** Glory to You, O Lord.

¹⁵[Jesus said:] “If you love me, you will keep my commandments. ¹⁶And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Helper, to be with you forever, ¹⁷even the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, for he dwells with you and will be in you.

¹⁸“I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you. ¹⁹Yet a little while and the world will see me no more, but you will see me. Because I live, you also will live. ²⁰In that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. ²¹Whoever has my commandments and keeps them, he it is who loves me. And he

who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I will love him and manifest myself to him.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

♪ **C** **Praise to You, O Christ.** *Please Sit*

Hymn 594: God's Own Child I Gladly Say It

- 1 God's own child, I gladly say it:
I am baptized into Christ!
He, because I could not pay it,
Gave my full redemption price.
Do I need earth's treasures many?
I have one worth more than any
That brought me salvation free
Lasting to eternity!
- 2 Sin, disturb my soul no longer:
I am baptized into Christ!
I have comfort even stronger:
Jesus' cleansing sacrifice.
Should a guilty conscience seize me
Since my Baptism did release me
In a dear forgiving flood,
Sprinkling me with Jesus' blood?
- 3 Satan, hear this proclamation:
I am baptized into Christ!
Drop your ugly accusation,
I am not so soon enticed.
Now that to the font I've traveled,
All your might has come unraveled,
And, against your tyranny,
God, my Lord, unites with me!
- 4 Death, you cannot end my gladness:
I am baptized into Christ!
When I die, I leave all sadness

To inherit paradise!
Though I lie in dust and ashes
Faith's assurance brightly flashes:
Baptism has the strength divine
To make life immortal mine.

5 There is nothing worth comparing
To this lifelong comfort sure!
Open-eyed my grave is staring:
Even there I'll sleep secure.
Though my flesh awaits its raising,
Still my soul continues praising:
I am baptized into Christ;
I'm a child of paradise!

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Sermon

Apostles' Creed *Please Stand*

☐ 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.

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...

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

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

Offering: *Please sit*

♪ Offertory: *Please stand*

LSB 159

C What shall I render to the Lord for all His benefits to me? I will offer the sacrifice of thanksgiving and will call on the name of the Lord. I will take the cup of salvation and will call on the name of the Lord. I will pay my vows to the Lord now in the presence of all His people, in the courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Jerusalem.

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

♪ Preface

LSB 160

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Lift up your hearts.

C We lift them to the Lord.

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

C It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

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

♪ Sanctus

LSB 161

C Holy, holy, holy Lord God of pow'r and might: Heaven and earth are full of Your glory. Hosanna. Hosanna. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

LSB 161

Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth,.....To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

The Words of Our Lord

LSB 162

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.”

Proclamation of Christ

P As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord’s death until He comes.

C Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

P O Lord Jesus Christ,.....So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

Lord’s Prayer

LSB 162

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.

♪ Pax Domini

LSB 163

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C Amen.

♪ Agnus Dei

LSB 163

C Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; grant us peace. *Please sit*

Distribution

Hymn 725: Children of the Heavenly Father

- 1 Children of the heav'nly Father
Safely in His bosom gather;
Nestling bird nor star in heaven
Such a refuge e'er was given.
- 2 God His own doth tend and nourish;
In His holy courts they flourish.
From all evil things He spares them;
In His mighty arms He bears them.
- 3 Neither life nor death shall ever
From the Lord His children sever;
Unto them His grace He showeth,
And their sorrows all He knoweth.
- 4 Though He giveth or He taketh,
God His children ne'er forsaketh;
His the loving purpose solely
To preserve them pure and holy.

Text: Carolina Sandell Berg, 1832–1903; tr. Ernst W. Olson, 1870–1958 Text: Public domain

Hymn 821: Alleluia! Sing to Jesus

- 1 Alleluia! Sing to Jesus;

His the scepter, His the throne;
Alleluia! His the triumph,
His the victory alone.
Hark! The songs of peaceful Zion
Thunder like a mighty flood:
“Jesus out of ev’ry nation
Has redeemed us by His blood.”

2 Alleluia! Not as orphans
Are we left in sorrow now;
Alleluia! He is near us;
Faith believes, nor questions how.
Though the cloud from sight received Him
When the forty days were o’er,
Shall our hearts forget His promise:
“I am with you evermore”?

3 Alleluia! Bread of heaven,
Here on earth our food, our stay;
Alleluia! Here the sinful
Flee to You from day to day.
Intercessor, Friend of sinners,
Earth’s Redeemer, hear our plea
Where the songs of all the sinless
Sweep across the crystal sea.

4 Alleluia! King eternal,
Lord omnipotent we own;
Alleluia! Born of Mary,
Earth Your footstool, heav’n Your
throne.
As within the veil You entered,
Robed in flesh, our great High
Priest,
Here on earth both priest and victim
In the eucharistic feast.

5 Alleluia! Sing to Jesus;
His the scepter, His the throne;
Alleluia! His the triumph,
His the victory alone.
Hark! The songs of peaceful Zion
Thunder like a mighty flood:
“Jesus out of ev’ry nation
Has redeemed us by His blood.”

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Hymn 683: Jesus Thy Boundless Love to Me

- 1 Jesus, Thy boundless love to me
No thought can reach, no tongue
declare;
Unite my thankful heart to Thee,
And reign without a rival there!
Thine wholly, Thine alone I am;
Be Thou alone my constant flame.
- 2 O grant that nothing in my soul
May dwell, but Thy pure love
alone;
Oh, may Thy love possess me whole,
My joy, my treasure, and my
crown!
All coldness from my heart remove;
My ev’ry act, word, thought be love.
- 3 This love unwearied I pursue
And dauntlessly to Thee aspire.
Oh, may Thy love my hope renew,
Burn in my soul like heav’nly fire!
And day and night, be all my care
To guard this sacred treasure there.
- 4 In suff’ring be Thy love my peace,
In weakness be Thy love my pow’r;

And when the storms of life shall cease,
O Jesus, in that final hour,
Be Thou my rod and staff and guide,
And draw me safely to Thy side!

Text: Paul Gerhardt, 1607–76; tr. John B. Wesley, 1703–91, alt. Text: Public domain

♪ **Post -Communion Canticle** *Please Stand* LSB 164

☞ **Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev'ryone what He has done. Let all who seek the Lord rejoice and proudly bear His name. He recalls His promises and leads His people forth in joy with shouts of thanksgiving. Alleluia, alleluia.**

♪ **Post-Communion Collect** LSB 166

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

☞ **Amen.**

♪ **Benediction** LSB 166

☞ The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and {✠} give you peace.

☞ **Amen.** *Please sit*

Departing Hymn 605: Father Welcomes All His Children

ref Father welcomes all His children
To His fam'ly through His Son.
Father giving His salvation,
Life forever has been won.

1 Little children, come to Me,
For My kingdom is of these.
Life and love I have to give,
Mercy for your sin. Refrain

2 In the water, in the Word,
In His promise, be assured:

Those who are baptized and believe
Shall be born again. Refrain

3 Let us daily die to sin;
Let us daily rise with Him,
Walk in the love of Christ our Lord,
Live in the peace of God. Refrain

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Serving Today:

Pastor: Pastor Karl Hollibaugh

Elder: Craig Fisher

Organist: Arvid Wiest

Reader: Dave Doering

Acolytes: Parker Fossler and Tyler Wright

Greeters: Bob & Lorelie Ankersen

Ushers: Dale Hagemeyer, Cliff Kumm, Rod Aden, Steve Schmidt

Please remember with prayers, cards, texts, or calls, our sisters- and brothers-in-Christ who are hospitalized or ill at home: Rachel Krause (recovering at home); Mary Scheve, Angie Fossler, Mike Holthus, Cheri McConnell, Cindy Weise, Chuck Baker, Lilly Baker, (all with cancer); Duane Delozier (recovering at his son's home); Pat Nave; Myra Denton; Olivia Hatzenbuehler and William Kelley (military). ****Please contact the church by Thursday morning** with additions or corrections to this prayer list.

No Adult Bible Study or Children's Sunday School today or May 17. **Both will be held on May 24.** After May 24, Children's Sunday School will be break until Sept 13. Adult Bible Study will continue through the summer.

Today's radio broadcast is sponsored by family & friends of **Norbert Sohl.**

Sunday's available for sponsorship in 2026 are July 12, 19, 26; August 2, 9; Nov 29, and Dec 6, 27. Call the **church office to sponsor a Sunday. Sponsorships of radio broadcasts** are \$125.

Items for the bulletin are due by Thursday noon.

Upcoming events:

Sunday, May 10

8:00 am KWBE Broadcast of previous week

9:00 am Divine Service at church

10:30 am Worship Service at school: 5th grade Graduation & Reception to follow. Children sing & bell choir at this service.

Tuesday, May 12: 6:30 pm Council meets

Wednesday, May 13: 2:00 pm Lydia Mary circle meets

Thursday, May 14: 7:00 p.m. Ascension Day Divine Worship Service

Sunday, May 17

8:00 am KWBE Broadcast of previous week

9:00 am Divine Service with recognition of graduating seniors. Reception to follow.

Tuesday, May 19: 6–8pm Game night at church fellowship hall

Last Week: May 3, 2026 Attendance: 118

General Offering: \$10,975 District Missions: \$60

Expenses paid last week (bills & payroll): \$28,156.51

School Events & Announcements

May 10: 10:30 Service at the school: 5th grade Graduation with reception to follow.

May 13: Last day for Pre-K

May 14: Last day of school, dismissal after closing chapel.

Are you getting St. Paul's **weekly email** with announcements and bulletin attached? **If not**, we probably don't have a good email address for you. Please call or email the church office requesting to be included. This helps us communicate more frequently with current information. There's no longer a **monthly newsletter**, saving on postage and paper. Monthly **calendars** are available in the narthex.

**The 5th Graders graduating from
St Paul's School on Sunday, May 10
at the 10:30 school service are:**



- Faith Almanza - Daughter of Michael & Connie Luong
- Tamsin Brand - Daughter of Jarrod & Amanda Brand
- Leon Brockman - Son of Anthony & Jenny Brockman
- Azlyn Carpenter - Daughter of Zach & Holly Carpenter
- Brooks Clabaugh - Son of Ty & Lindsey Clabaugh
- Micah Dunn - Son of Brett & Courtney Dunn
- Kyle Langley - Son of Matt & Ashley Langley
- Layton Lieneman - Son of Corey & Alyssa Lieneman
- Barrett Paulmeyer - Son of Steve & Anni Paulmeyer
- Jack Paulson - Son of Justin & Deann Paulson
- Charlie Rennels - Son of Ian & Nicole Rennels
- Bri Carrillo-Romero - Daughter of Joann Carrillo & Jose Perez
- Neely Shaffer - Daughter of Penny Shaffer
- Brandt Wollenburg - Son of Justin & Kelsy Wollenburg

5th Grade Graduates: You and your families have blessed us during your time at St. Paul's Lutheran School. As you step into the wider world, we send the love of St. Paul's with you. Remember the lessons you learned, the friends you made, and that the Lord is always with you. We pray the Holy Spirit continues to strengthen your faith. **Congratulations on your graduation** and best wishes for your next adventure!

A COIN WAR is taking place between the church and school through May 10 to help defer costs of food and enrichment classes during the summer childcare program. Please join us by donating your change or dollar bills to support our summer enrichment program! Who can raise the most??? The kids or the church?!?! Please drop your loose change or bills in the containers located at both church entrances.

From the Board of Parish Education:

- **Childcare** is being offered this summer, but spots are almost filled up!! Childcare this fall will only be offered before and after school.
- Another change this fall: **preschool and prekindergarten classes** will be all day programs. Mrs. Aden and Mrs. Sheridan Martinez will be teaching them with academics, structured play, lunch, a time of rest, exploration, and time to be creative. If a family is interested in half days we can accommodate their schedule. If you know of a family seeking quality pre-k or pre-school education for their 3-4 year old child, please encourage them to call the school office at 402-223-3414.
- **Tuition** for the 2026–2027 school year will be \$5,000 per child. We understand this is a significant commitment for families, and we want to support every family in our school community. Please know that no child will be turned away due to inability to pay, and there is scholarship money available. We can work with your family to determine scholarship opportunities and create a payment plan that fits your needs. Combined classrooms may need to happen, but that is not a disadvantage. Mrs. Eisele, Ms. Leseberg, and Mrs. Hagemeyer are willing to combine classrooms in their respective grade groupings (K–1, 2–3, 4–5) if needed with additional classroom support from our devoted and hardworking paras.

Altar Guild THANKS those who responded to our request for volunteers. Your help is greatly appreciated and we look forward to serving with you! – Altar Guild

Bunco Game Night Tuesday, May 19th, 6pm to 8pm: Calling all Bunco players and those that would like to learn the dice game! Don't worry, we will have other games to play too. Bring a snack to share and get ready to have a great time! (In the Fellowship Hall.)

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

The congregation voted at the last voters' meeting to install screens in the church sanctuary. The estimated cost for this project is \$11,000. Thank you to Diode Technologies and the Sandman family for assisting with this project. Anyone that would like to make a special donation to this project is welcome to. Just make a note on the donation that it is for the screens project. Thank you!

You no longer need to save Russ's Receipts. That promotion is over. Please **continue to collect Best Choice UPC codes**. They can be submitted to the school office or put in the box in the entryway of the church. Thank you for helping to support our school!

School Chapel offerings in May are **designated for the Beatrice Food Pantry**. We are collecting food items and monetary donations. Items needed: pizza crust mix, pizza sauce, graham crackers, saltine crackers, taco shells, taco seasoning, syrup, hamburger, chicken & tuna helpers, tuna, pop tarts, jelly, variety chunky soups, Manwich.

May Anniversaries - Happy Anniversary!

- 5: Harlan & Iris Hintz, 53 yrs
- 5: Gary & Joyce Swanson, 52 yrs
- 6: Vaughn & Tina Wright, 31 yrs
- 9: Joe & KayLynn McCormick, 17 yrs
- 10: Bob & Lorelie Ankersen, 68 yrs
- 15: Bill & Diane Lux, 33 yrs
- 18: Arvid & Althea Wiest, 52 yrs
- 21: Lawrence & Norma Sohl, 65 yrs
- 23: Justin & Deann Paulson, 17 yrs
- 27: Mark & Sherri Thomas, 9 yrs
- 28: Gary & Sharon Rupprecht, 48 yrs
- 31: Ken & Carla Loemker, 46 yrs

May Birthdays – Happy Birthday!

- 1: Dale Haggemeier, Shari Pack
- 3: Chuck Baker, Zander Loomis
- 5: Azlun Carpenter, Kody Crosier
- 7: Kobee Johnson, Jasmine Long
- 10: Brian Hoopos, Mckenna Loomis
- 12: Dorothy Daubendiek
- 12: Nicole Landon, Laura-Leigh Norris
- 14: Bob Tiemann
- 15: Lyndon Wiegand
- 20: Kanon Oden, Helen Wright
- 22: Bernice Pfingsten
- 24: Alberta Rahe
- 25: Leola Wollenburg
- 25: Michael Holthus
- 26: Holly Norris
- 27: Michelle Poling, Natalie Schultze
- 28: Sharon Rupprecht
- 29: Jan Busboom, Karl Boerger
- 30: Marlene Seckel

We're helping collect items to fill care packages for deployed troops. The Blue Star Mothers of America send care packages every 3 months to our fighting men and women containing some basic comforts of home. Donations sought are single serving sizes of Beef jerky (no pork products), tuna packets, peanut butter, mac & cheese cups, Crystal Light, Propel or other powder drink mixes, oatmeal packets, protein/granola bars; gum, candy (no chocolate – it melts), small boxes of cereal; snack size trail mix, nuts or other healthy snacks. Non-food items include baby wipes (refill packs or trial size), small toys, puzzles, cards, games, lip balm, toilet paper, books, magazines, cards or notes of encouragement, laundry

detergent pods, small microfiber towels. Cash donations are also appreciated to purchase above items and help pay postage of \$14 to send each care package. The next shipment is in June. **Please bring items to St. Paul's church by May 31**, and we'll get them to Kim Oesterman, Beatrice Blue Star Mothers of America.

Orphan Grain Train Christmas Gift Boxes. Grace, Norfolk is collecting monetary gifts, clothing, and toys to pack **Christmas boxes with Orphan Grain Train**. This summer we are collecting: Dolls; Blocks (Legos, Duplos, Wooden); Small Cars (Matchbox, Hot Wheels); Decks of Playing Cards; Play Food; Stuffed Animals; New 24-count Boxes of Crayons; New Socks (Sizes 2T—Youth L). All items (except crayons, underwear, and socks) may be either new or used and can be dropped off at Grace, Norfolk. Monetary donations will be used to purchase other items to fill the boxes and can be sent (marked "Grace Lutheran Christmas Box Project") to Grace Lutheran Church or Orphan Grain Train, Norfolk, NE. **Donations will be collected through June 30** and packing will be done in July. If you have any questions or would like to help pack the boxes, contact Kelly Asbury at 402-371-3521.

A copy of the May 2026 **Lutheran Hour Ministries newsletter** and the weekly update from the **Nebraska District** are in the tract rack at the back of church for you to read. Please return the newsletters after you are finished so that others may read them. Thank you! You can find or subscribe to the online newsletters at www.lhm.org and www.ndlcms.org.

Whispering Acres is holding a Bible Horse Camp for children ages 6+ Saturday, May 30th, from 9am to 4pm. No horse experience needed, snack and lunch provided. Cost \$130 per child. To register, call Jill Kuzelka at 402-520-0922 or visit whisperingacres.org for more info.

Beatrice Farmer's Market Free Kids POP (Power of Produce) Club: The POP Club is a free program that helps kids ages 4-12 explore fresh foods, learn where their food comes from, and have fun

at the Farmers Market. Each week, children participate in hands-on activities focused on nutrition, cooking, and agriculture, earning \$3 POP dollars to buy their own fresh produce from market vendors. The Farmer's Market is every Thursday, May 14 - October 8, 4:00-6:30 pm, 6th & High St.

Beatrice Regional Orchestra will present a concert on Sunday, May 17 at 2 p.m., "Dance Across Time". Special performances will be by the winners of the Orchestra's "Young Soloist Competition". One of those winners is **Ethan Rosenthal**. Ethan is a graduate of St. Paul's School and will graduate from Tri County High School this year. The concert is at the Hevelone Center in Beatrice High School.

Nebraskans over the age of 50 are invited to share their opinions to help shape the future of services and care for aging population at the Beatrice Senior Center on May 21, 1:00 p.m. Hosted by Blue Rivers Area Agency on Aging, the comments from sessions across the state will be part of a report helping the state understand the current and future needs of aging Nebraskans.



- **Church office** is open Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday mornings. Leave a message at 402-228-1540 or email stpaulbeatrice@gmail.com at other times.
- **For immediate assistance:** contact Church Chair Rod Aden: 402- 239-5305; Finance Committee member Dave Doering: 402-806-1015; or Elder Chuck Baker: 714-232-2794.
- **For school or church reservations** call Wayne Oestreich, 402-440-5054.
- **Busy Bags and books** for kids are in the narthex by the bulletin board.
- **Large print bulletins with printed hymns** are available from an usher.
- **Calendars for May and June are available at the exits.**
- **Super Wash discounted car wash tickets** are sold by the youth through the church office. \$4 each/\$20 for 5.

Our livestreamed services are available on

- **YouTube**, search for: St. Paul's Lutheran Church Beatrice NE.
- **Facebook**, follow: St. Paul's Lutheran Church. (Be sure you're following the one with our church photo.)
- **The bulletin is on our website:** stpaulbeatrice.org.

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Website: www.stpaulbeatrice.org Email: stpaulschoolbeatrice@gmail.com

Lead Teacher: Jonetta Hagemeyer Childcare Director: Sheridan Martinez

SHUT-IN LIST (May 7, 2026) (If you know of changes needed on this list, please contact the office at 402-228-1540.)

Samaritan Springs (Assisted Living), 600 S 22nd St, Beatrice

- Thelma Loemker, 402-520-0169 Apt 107
- Bill Wehling 402-223-9295
- Berniece Pfingsten 402-223-3369 Apt 103

Good Samaritan 401 S 22nd St, Beatrice, NE 68310

- Myra Denton 402-239-4552

The Villa (Independent Living apartments), 2211 Sunset Dr., Beatrice

None at this time

Whispering Winds Cottage, 628 N 33rd St, Beatrice

None at this time.

Beatrice Health & Rehab, (Nursing Home) 1800 Irving St. 402-223-2311

- Dawn Crosier
- Beulah Mae Riekenberg, Room 42

Cedarwood Assisted Living -823 22nd St, Fairbury , 68352

- Evelyn Wortman -Cedarwood, Apt 210 402-587-5115

Gold Crest Retirement Center, 200 Levi Ln, Adams, NE 68301

- Vivian Zimmerman 402-239-4530

In their Homes

- Karla Hopkins, 206 S. 16th St, Apt 9, Beatrice. 402-806-8884
- Charles & Barb Rose, 1521 Garfield St. Beatrice. 402-228-4187
- Verda Riekenberg, 101 Montgomery St, Beatrice 402-239-7950
- Audrey Lauterbach, 2101 Arbor St., Apt 104, Beatrice 402-230-3533
- Lloyd & Carolina VanLaningham, 32241 S 1 Rd, Beatrice 402-228-0443
- Vivian Bledsaw, 117 S 13th St, Beatrice 402-223-8497
- Larry & Gerry Smith 37384 US Hwy 77, Blue Springs, NE 402-228-7385
- Ivan Stohs, 932 N 21st, Beatrice, NE (winter only) 402-806-5348
- Marjorie Itzen, 1803 S 15th Circle, Beatrice 402-520-3944
- Duane Delozier 402-239-3326 (recovering at his son's home in Lincoln)
- Rachel Krause, 1119 Monroe, Apt 105, Beatrice 402-230-3376