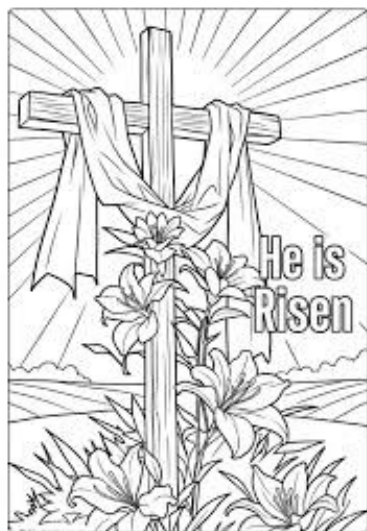


Welcome to St. Paul's Lutheran Church (LCMS)

321 N 10th Beatrice, NE 68310

Pastor Karl Hollibaugh

May 3, 2026 - Fifth 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 726: Evening and Morning

- 1 Evening and morning,
Sunset and dawning,
Wealth, peace, and gladness,
Comfort in sadness:
These are Thy works;
all the glory be Thine!
Times without number,
Awake or in slumber,
Thine eye observes us,
From danger preserves us,
Causing Thy mercy upon us to shine.
- 2 Father, O hear me,
Pardon and spare me;
Calm all my terrors,

Blot out my errors
That by Thine eyes they may no
more be scanned.
Order my goings,
Direct all my doings;
As it may please Thee,
Retain or release me;
All I commit to Thy fatherly hand.

3 Ills that still grieve me
Soon are to leave me;
Though billows tower,
And winds gain power,
After the storm the fair sun
shows its face.
Joys e'er increasing
And peace never ceasing:
These shall I treasure
And share in full measure
When in His mansions God
grants me a place.

4 To God in heaven
All praise be given!
Come, let us offer
And gladly proffer
To the Creator the gifts He doth prize.
He well receiveth
A heart that believeth;
Hymns that adore Him
Are precious before Him
And to His throne like sweet incense arise.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

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

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

C Amen.

P If 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.

P Let 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 30:1–5; antiphon: Psalm 149:1

- P** Praise the Lord! Sing to the Lord a new song, his praise in the assembly of the godly!
- C** **I will extol you, O Lord, for you have drawn me up and have not let my foes rejoice over me.**
- P** O Lord my God, I cried to you for help, and you have healed me.
- C** **O Lord, you have brought up my soul from Sheol; you restored me to life from among those who go down to the pit.**
- P** Sing praises to the Lord, O you his saints,
- C** **and give thanks to his holy name.**
- P** For his anger is but for a moment,
and his favor is for a lifetime.
Weeping may tarry for the night,
but joy comes with the morning.
- 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** Praise the Lord! Sing to the Lord a new song, his praise in the Assembly of the godly!

♪ 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, You make the minds of Your faithful to be of one will. Grant that we may love what You have commanded and desire what You promise, that among the many changes of this world our hearts may be fixed where true joys are found; 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 6:1–9; 7:2a, 51–60

¹Now in these days when the disciples were increasing in number, a complaint by the Hellenists arose against the Hebrews because their widows were being neglected in the daily distribution. ²And the twelve summoned the full number of the disciples and said, “It is not right that we should give up preaching the word of God to serve tables. ³Therefore, brothers, pick out from among you seven men of good repute, full of the Spirit and of wisdom, whom we will appoint to this duty. ⁴But we will devote ourselves to prayer and to the ministry of the word.” ⁵And what they said pleased the whole gathering, and they chose Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit, and Philip, and Prochorus, and Nicanor, and Timon, and Parmenas, and Nicolaus, a proselyte of Antioch. ⁶These they set before the apostles, and they prayed and laid their hands on them.

⁷And the word of God continued to increase, and the number of the disciples multiplied greatly in Jerusalem, and a great many of the priests became obedient to the faith.

⁸And Stephen, full of grace and power, was doing great wonders and signs among the people. ⁹Then some of those who belonged to the synagogue of the Freedmen (as it was called), and of the Cyrenians, and of the Alexandrians, and of those from Cilicia and Asia, rose up and disputed with Stephen. . . .

²And Stephen said:

“Brothers and fathers, hear me. . . .

⁵¹You stiff-necked people, uncircumcised in heart and ears, you always resist the Holy Spirit. As your fathers did, so do you.

⁵²Which of the prophets did not your fathers persecute? And they killed those who announced beforehand the coming of the Righteous One, whom you have now betrayed and murdered,

⁵³you who received the law as delivered by angels and did not keep it.”

⁵⁴Now when they heard these things they were enraged, and they ground their teeth at him. ⁵⁵But he, full of the Holy Spirit, gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. ⁵⁶And he said, “Behold, I see the heavens opened, and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God.” ⁵⁷But they cried out with a loud voice and stopped their ears and rushed together at him. ⁵⁸Then they cast him out of the city and stoned him. And the witnesses laid down their garments at the feet of a young man named Saul. ⁵⁹And as they were stoning Stephen, he called out, “Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.” ⁶⁰And falling to his knees he cried out with a loud voice, “Lord, do not hold this sin against them.” And when he had said this, he fell asleep.

R This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Epistle

1 Peter 2:2–10

²Like newborn infants, long for the pure spiritual milk, that by it you may grow up to salvation— ³if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.

⁴As you come to him, a living stone rejected by men but in the sight of God chosen and precious, ⁵you yourselves like living stones are being built up as a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. ⁶For it stands in Scripture:

“Behold, I am laying in Zion a stone,
a cornerstone chosen and precious,
and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame.”

⁷So the honor is for you who believe, but for those who do not believe,

“The stone that the builders rejected
has become the cornerstone,”

⁸and

“A stone of stumbling,
and a rock of offense.”

They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do.

⁹But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. ¹⁰Once you were not a people, but now you are God’s people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

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 14:1–14

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

♪ **C** **Glory to You, O Lord.**

¹[Jesus said:] “Let not your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. ²In my Father’s house are many rooms. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? ³And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, that where I am you may be also. ⁴And

you know the way to where I am going.” ⁵Thomas said to him, “Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?” ⁶Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. ⁷If you had known me, you would have known my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.”

⁸Philip said to him, “Lord, show us the Father, and it is enough for us.” ⁹Jesus said to him, “Have I been with you so long, and you still do not know me, Philip? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, ‘Show us the Father’? ¹⁰Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own authority, but the Father who dwells in me does his works. ¹¹Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me, or else believe on account of the works themselves.

¹²“Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever believes in me will also do the works that I do; and greater works than these will he do, because I am going to the Father. ¹³Whatever you ask in my name, this I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. ¹⁴If you ask me anything in my name, I will do it.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

Hymn 633: At the Lamb’s High Feast We Sing

1 At the Lamb’s high feast we sing
Praise to our victorious King,
Who has washed us in the tide
Flowing from His piercèd side.
Alleluia!

2 Praise we Him, whose love divine
Gives His sacred blood for wine,

Gives His body for the feast—
Christ the victim, Christ the priest.
Alleluia!

3 Where the paschal blood is poured,
Death's dread angel sheathes the sword;
Israel's hosts triumphant go
Through the wave that drowns the foe. Alleluia!

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

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

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

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

△ 8 Father, who the crown shall give,
Savior, by whose death we live,

Spirit, guide through all our days:
Three in One, Your name we praise.
Alleluia!

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:

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

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

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

Offering: *Please sit*

♪ **Offertory:** *Please stand*

LSB 159

☐ 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

☐ The Lord be with you.

☐ And also with you.

☐ Lift up your hearts.

☐ We lift them to the Lord.

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

☐ It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

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

♪ **Sanctus**

LSB 161

☐ 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.

Distribution: *Please sit*

Hymn 739: Precious Lord, Take My Hand

- 1 Precious Lord, take my hand,
Lead me on, let me stand;
I am tired, I am weak, I am worn.
Through the storm, through the night, Lead me on to the light.
Take my hand, precious Lord; lead me home.
- 2 When my way grows drear,
Precious Lord, linger near,
When my life is almost gone,
Hear my cry, hear my call;
Hold my hand lest I fall.
Take my hand, precious Lord; lead me home.
- 3 When the darkness appears
And the night draws near
And the day is almost gone,
At the river I stand;
Guide my feet, hold my hand,
Take my hand, precious Lord; lead me home.

Hymn 623: Lord Jesus Christ, We Humbly Pray

- 1 Lord Jesus Christ, we humbly pray
That we may feast on You today;
Beneath these forms of bread and wine
Enrich us with Your grace divine.
- 2 Give us, who share this wondrous food,
Your body broken and Your blood,
The grateful peace of sins forgiv'n,
The certain joys of heirs of heav'n.
- 3 By faith Your Word has made us bold
To seize the gift of love retold;
All that You are we here receive,
And all we are to You we give.
- 4 One bread, one cup, one body, we,
Rejoicing in our unity,
Proclaim Your love until You come
To bring Your scattered loved ones home.
- 5 Lord Jesus Christ, we humbly pray:
O keep us steadfast till that day
When each will be Your welcomed guest
In heaven's high and holy feast.

Text: Henry E. Jacobs, 1844–1932, alt. Text: Public domain

Hymn 637: Draw Near and Take the Body of the Lord

- 1 Draw near and take the body of the Lord,
And drink the holy blood for you outpoured;
Offered was He for greatest and for least,
Himself the victim and Himself the priest.

2 He who His saints in this world rules and shields,
To all believers life eternal yields;
With heav'nly bread He makes the hungry whole,
Gives living waters to the thirsting soul.

3 Come forward then with faithful hearts sincere,
And take the pledges of salvation here.
O Lord, our hearts with grateful thanks endow
As in this feast of love You bless us now.

Text: Latin, 7th cent.; tr. John Mason Neale, 1818–66, alt. Text: Public domain

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

**☞ 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*

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

☞ Amen.

♪ **Benediction** *LSB 166*

P 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 517, st 1, 7 & 3:

By All Your Saints in Warfare

1 By all Your saints in warfare,
For all Your saints at rest,
Your holy name, O Jesus,
Forevermore be blest!

For You have won the battle
That they might wear the crown;
And now they shine in glory
Reflected from Your throne.

7 St. Stephen, Martyr (December 26)
Praise for the first of martyrs
Who saw You ready stand
To help in time of torment,
To plead at God's right hand.
Like You, our suffering Savior,
His enemies he blessed,
With "Lord, receive my spirit,"
His faith, by death, confessed.

△ 3 Then let us praise the Father
And worship God the Son
And sing to God the Spirit,
Eternal Three in One,
Till all the ransomed number
Fall down before the throne,
Ascribing pow'r and glory
And praise to God alone.

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Pastor: Pastor Karl Hollibaugh

Elder: Bob Tiemann

Organist: Bev Duensing

Reader: Carla Loemker

Acolytes: Braedyn Carpenter and Donovan Eckhoff

Greeters: Dale & Rhonda Rickers

Ushers: Wayne Schulz, Ron Buss, Lonnie Duensing

Please remember with prayers, cards, texts, or calls, our sisters- and brothers-in-Christ who are hospitalized or ill at

home: Rachel Krause, hospitalized; 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; and Olivia Hatzenbuehler and William Kelley (military). ****Please contact the church by Thursday morning** with additions or corrections to this prayer list.

Join us downstairs following Sunday worship for refreshments and **Bible Study with Pastor Hollibaugh. Jr/Sr High students** will enjoy this study.

Today's radio **broadcast is sponsored by Lawrence & Norma Sohl** in celebration of Lawrence's 90th birthday and the 65th wedding anniversary of Lawrence and Norma. Congratulations!!

Sunday's available for sponsorship in 2026 are July 12, 19, 26; August 2, 9; Nov 29, and Dec 6, 27.

You can schedule a sponsorship in the **scheduling book outside of the church office**. You may also call the church office to schedule. **Sponsorships of radio broadcasts** are \$125.

Items for the bulletin are due by Thursday noon.

Upcoming events:

Sunday, May 3 8:00 am KWBE

Broadcast of previous week

9:00 am Divine Service

10:00 am Adult and Children Sunday School

Tuesday, May 5 6:30 pm Boards & Committees meet

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.

Thursday, May 14 7:00 p.m. Ascension Day Divine Worship
Tuesday, May 19 6pm – 8pm Game night at church basement

Youth Sunday School will meet May 3 & 24, then **summer break until Sept 13**. Pastor Hollibaugh will continue adult Bible class this summer.

Last Week: April 26, 2026

Attendance: 114 General Offering: \$4,225 District Missions: \$100

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!

Altar Guild is looking for a couple of volunteers to join them. Several of the members have retired from the Guild recently. If you are interested or have questions about what this entails, please contact Rowien Kumm, 402-228-1236.

Mark your calendar! **Game night** was a hit, so we're planning **another one on Tuesday, May 19th, from 6pm to 8pm!** Come join the fun in the church fellowship hall! Bring a snack to share!

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 church office is sending out a **weekly email** with announcements and that week's bulletin attached. **If you are not getting the weekly emails**, we probably do not have a good email

address for you. Please call or email the church office requesting to be included. Because of this, we are no longer creating a **monthly newsletter**. Our goal is to communicate more frequently with current information via emails with the bulletin. This will save postage and paper. Monthly **calendars** are available in the narthex. Thank you.

A COIN WAR is taking place between the church and school over the next two weeks to help defer costs of food and enrichment classes during the summer childcare program. We hope you'll join us in donating your change or dollar bills to support our summer enrichment program! Who can raise the most??? The kids or the church?!?! Please plan to bring your loose change or bills to church next week. Donation containers will be at both church entrances. The last page of the bulletin has more information.

We're no longer collecting Our Family labels or UPC codes as Family Fare has closed. We sent in the last of those UPC codes, \$75 worth, last week. 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 Events & Announcements

May 5: School scholarship applications due for 2026-2027 year.

May 10: 9:00 am Divine Service at church & 10:30 Service at 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.

The school is hosting a **card shower for teachers Brad & Joanna Long**. Please place cards in the box in the church narthex or take them to the school office by **May 8**. We plan to present them at the last day school chapel. They have accepted calls to teach in Wisconsin.

The 5th Graders graduating from St Paul's School next Sunday at a 10:30 service at school 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 Romero- Daughter of Joann Carrillo & Jose Perez
- Neely Shaffer- Daughter of Penny Shaffer
- Brandt Wollenburg- Son of Justin & Kelsy Wollenburg

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.

Exciting changes are coming to St. Paul's School! The 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.

Childcare is being offered this summer, but spots are almost filled up!! Childcare **this fall** will only be offered before and after 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, ramen noodles.

May Anniversaries - Happy Anniversary! *Let us know if yours is missing*

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

- 1: Dale Hagemeyer, Shari Pack
- 3: Chuck Baker, Zander Loomis
- 5: Azlun Carpenter, Kody Crosier
- 7: Kobbie Johnson, Jasmine Long
- 10: Brian Hoopos, Mckenna Loomis
- 12: Dorothy Daubendiek, Bob Tiemann
- 12: Nicole Landon, Laura-Leigh Norris
- 15: Lyndon Wiegand
- 20: Kanon Oden, Helen Wright
- 22: Bernice Pflingsten
- 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, 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. Over the last seven years Orphan Grain Trains Christmas box project has sent 11,981 Christmas boxes to children all around the world. Once again OGT, with the help of Grace Lutheran, in Norfolk is collecting monetary gifts, clothing, and toys to pack more boxes. Suggested items: Dolls; Blocks (Legos, Duplos, Wooden); Small Cars (Matchbox, Hot Wheels); Decks of Playing Cards; Play Food; Stuffed Animals; New 24-count Boxes of Crayons; New Socks (Sizes 2T—Youth L). All items (except crayons, underwear, and socks) may be either new or used and can be dropped off at Grace Lutheran Church, Norfolk, NE. Monetary donations will be used to purchase other items to fill the boxes and can be sent (marked "Grace Lutheran Christmas Box Project") to Grace Lutheran Church or Orphan Grain Train, Norfolk, NE. Donations are collected through June 30th and packing will be done in July. If you have any questions or would like to help pack the boxes, contact Kelly Asbury at 402-371-3521. You can help these children know they are precious and that Jesus is the greatest gift of all!

A copy of the May 2026 **Lutheran Hour Ministries newsletter** and the weekly update from the **Nebraska District** can be found at the back of church for you to read. To save cost, please return the newsletters after you are finished so that others may read them too. Thank you! You can subscribe to these free 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.

- **Church office** is open Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday mornings. At other times, please leave a message at 402-228-1540 or email stpaulbeatrice@gmail.com.
- **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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Early Childhood Fundraiser

COIN WAR

Church vs School!



If the school raises the most money then the winning classroom will earn root beer floats and extra recess, **BUT** if the church raises the most then the whole school earns an extra recess for everyone to enjoy root beer floats!

How It Works

- Add coins to your team's jar
- Sabotage with bills (they subtract!)

Proceeds will go to help provide nutritious meals for our summer enrichment program at St. Paul School. Any leftover funds will go to support our early childhood classrooms.

April 26th - May 10th

**Collecting spare change
through May 10th!**

