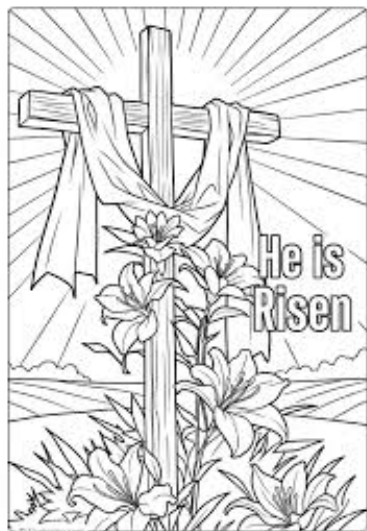


Welcome to St. Paul's Lutheran Church (LCMS)

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

April 26, 2026

Fourth 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 3 on page 184 in the front section of that hymnal.

(♪ denotes responses that are to be sung.)

P = Pastor; **C** = Congregation)

Opening Hymn 819: Sing Praise to God, the Highest Good

1 Sing praise to God, the highest good,
The author of creation,
The God of love who understood
Our need for His salvation.
With healing balm our souls He fills
And ev'ry faithless murmur stills:
To God all praise and glory!

2 What God's almighty pow'r has made,
In mercy He is keeping.
By morning glow or evening shade
His eye is never sleeping.
Within the kingdom of His might

All things are just and good and right:
To God all praise and glory!

3 We sought the Lord in our distress;
O God, in mercy hear us.
Our Savior saw our helplessness
And came with peace to cheer us.
For this we thank and praise the Lord,
Who is by one and all adored:
To God all praise and glory!

4 He never shall forsake His flock,
His chosen generation;
He is their refuge and their rock,
Their peace and their salvation.
As with a mother's tender hand,
He leads His own, His chosen band:
To God all praise and glory!

5 All who confess Christ's holy name,
Give God the praise and glory.
Let all who know His pow'r proclaim
Aloud the wondrous story.
Cast ev'ry idol from its throne,
For God is God, and He alone:
To God all praise and glory!

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CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

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

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

C Amen.

P Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and

confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C **who made heaven and earth.**

P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

C **and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

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

P O almighty God, merciful Father,

C **I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.**

P Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the {†} Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

SERVICE OF THE WORD

Introit *Psalm 95:1–3, 6–7a; antiphon: John 10:14, 15b*

P I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, and I lay down my life for the sheep.

C **Oh come, let us sing to the Lord; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!**

P Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!

C For the Lord is a great God, and a great King above all gods.
Oh come, let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before
the Lord, our Maker!

P For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture, and the
sheep of his hand.

**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 I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me,
and I lay down my life for the sheep.

♪ **Gloria Patri**

LSB 186

C Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world
without end. Amen.

♪ **Kyrie**

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

♪ **Gloria in Excelsis**

LSB 187

P Glory be to God on high:

C and on earth peace, goodwill toward men. We praise Thee,
we bless Thee, we worship Thee, we glorify Thee, we give
thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory. O Lord God, heav'nly
King, God the Father Almighty. O Lord, the only-begotten
Son, Jesus Christ;

O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, that takest
away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.

Thou that takest away the sin of the world, receive our
prayer. Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the
Father, have mercy upon us.

For Thou only art holy; Thou only art the Lord. Thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

♪ **Salutation and Collect of the Day**

P The Lord be with you.

C **And with thy spirit.**

P Let us pray.

Almighty God, merciful Father, since You have wakened from death the Shepherd of Your sheep, grant us Your Holy Spirit that when we hear the voice of our Shepherd we may know Him who calls us each by name and follow where He leads; through the same 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 2:42–47

⁴²They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. ⁴³And awe came upon every soul, and many wonders and signs were being done through the apostles. ⁴⁴And all who believed were together and had all things in common. ⁴⁵And they were selling their possessions and belongings and distributing the proceeds to all, as any had need. ⁴⁶And day by day, attending the temple together and breaking bread in their homes, they received their food with glad and generous hearts, ⁴⁷praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to their number day by day those who were being saved.

R This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Epistle

1 Peter 2:19–25

¹⁹This is a gracious thing, when, mindful of God, one endures sorrows while suffering unjustly. ²⁰For what credit is it if, when you sin and are beaten for it, you endure? But if when you do good and suffer for it you endure, this is a gracious thing in the sight of God. ²¹For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you might follow in his steps. ²²He committed no sin, neither was deceit found in his mouth. ²³When he was reviled, he did not revile in return; when he suffered, he did not threaten, but continued entrusting himself to him who judges justly. ²⁴He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed. ²⁵For you were straying like sheep, but have now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.

R This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

♪ **C** Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia *Please Stand*

Holy Gospel

John 10:1–10

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

♪ **C** Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

¹[Jesus said:] “Truly, truly, I say to you, he who does not enter the sheepfold by the door but climbs in by another way, that man is a thief and a robber. ²But he who enters by the door is the shepherd of the sheep. ³To him the gatekeeper opens. The sheep hear his voice, and he calls his own sheep by name and leads

them out. ⁴When he has brought out all his own, he goes before them, and the sheep follow him, for they know his voice. ⁵A stranger they will not follow, but they will flee from him, for they do not know the voice of strangers.” ⁶This figure of speech Jesus used with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.

⁷So Jesus again said to them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, I am the door of the sheep. ⁸All who came before me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep did not listen to them. ⁹I am the door. If anyone enters by me, he will be saved and will go in and out and find pasture. ¹⁰The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

♪ **C** Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

Nicene Creed

C I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life,

who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets.

And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life {†} of the world to come. Amen. *Please sit*

Hymn 709: The King of Love my Shepherd Is

- 1 The King of love my shepherd is,
Whose goodness faileth never;
I nothing lack if I am His
And He is mine forever.
- 2 Where streams of living water flow,
My ransomed soul He leadeth
And, where the verdant pastures grow,
With food celestial feedeth.
- 3 Perverse and foolish oft I strayed,
But yet in love He sought me
And on His shoulder gently laid
And home rejoicing brought me.
- 4 In death's dark vale I fear no ill
With Thee, dear Lord, beside me,
Thy rod and staff my comfort still,
Thy cross before to guide me.
- 5 Thou spreadst a table in my sight;
Thine unction grace bestoweth;
And, oh, what transport of delight
From Thy pure chalice floweth!
- 6 And so through all the length of days
Thy goodness faileth never;

Good Shepherd, may I sing Thy praise
Within Thy house forever!

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Sermon

♪ **Offertory:** *Please stand* LSB 192

☐ Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from Thy presence, and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me. Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation, and uphold me with Thy free spirit. Amen.

Offering: *Please sit*

Prayer of the Church: *Please stand*

☐ 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.

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

♪ **Preface** LSB 194

☐ The Lord be with you.

☑ And with thy spirit.

☐ Lift up your hearts.

☑ We lift them up unto the Lord.

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

☑ It is good and right so to do.

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

♪ **Sanctus** LSB 195

**☑ Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth;
heav'n and earth are full of Thy glory.
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is He, blessed is He, blessed is He that cometh in**

the name of the Lord. Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

Lord's Prayer

LSB 196

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

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

The Words of Our Lord

LSB 197

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

LSB 197

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C Amen.

♪ Agnus Dei

LSB 198

C O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.

O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.

O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, grant us Thy peace. Amen. *Please sit*

Distribution

Hymn 770: What A Friend We Have in Jesus

- 1 What a friend we have in Jesus,
All our sins and griefs to bear!
What a privilege to carry
Ev'rything to God in prayer!
Oh, what peace we often forfeit;
Oh, what needless pain we bear—
All because we do not carry
Ev'rything to God in prayer!
- 2 Have we trials and temptations?
Is there trouble anywhere?
We should never be discouraged—
Take it to the Lord in prayer.
Can we find a friend so faithful
Who will all our sorrows share?
Jesus knows our ev'ry weakness—
Take it to the Lord in prayer.
- 3 Are we weak and heavy laden,
Cumbered with a load of care?
Precious Savior, still our refuge—
Take it to the Lord in prayer.
Do thy friends despise, forsake thee?
Take it to the Lord in prayer.
In His arms He'll take and shield thee;
Thou wilt find a solace there.

Hymn 915: Today Your Mercy Calls Us

1 Today Your mercy calls us
To wash away our sin.
However great our trespass,
Whatever we have been,
However long from mercy
Our hearts have turned away,
Your precious blood can wash us
And make us clean today.

2 Today Your gate is open,
And all who enter in
Shall find a Father's welcome
And pardon for their sin.
The past shall be forgotten,
A present joy be giv'n,
A future grace be promised,
A glorious crown in heav'n.

3 Today our Father calls us;
His Holy Spirit waits;
His blessed angels gather
Around the heav'nly gates.
No question will be asked us
How often we have come;
Although we oft have wandered,
It is our Father's home.

4 O all-embracing Mercy,
O ever-open Door,
What should we do without You
When heart and eye run o'er?
When all things seem against us,
To drive us to despair,
We know one gate is open,
One ear will hear our prayer

Hymn 643: Sent Forth by God's Blessing

1 Sent forth by God's blessing,
Our true faith confessing,
The people of God from His dwelling take leave.
The Supper is ended.
O now be extended
The fruits of this service in all who believe.
The seed of His teaching,
Receptive souls reaching,
Shall blossom in action for God
and for all.
His grace did invite us,
His love shall unite us
To work for God's kingdom and answer His call.

2 With praise and thanksgiving
To God ever-living,
The tasks of our ev'ryday life we will face.
Our faith ever sharing,
In love ever caring,
Embracing His children of each tribe and race.
With Your feast You feed us,
With Your light now lead us;
Unite us as one in this life that we share.
Then may all the living
With praise and thanksgiving
Give honor to Christ and His name that we bear.

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♪ **Nunc Dimittis:** *Please stand*

LSB 199

☐ Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace according to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation, which Thou hast prepared before the face of all people, a light to lighten the Gentiles and the glory of Thy people Israel. Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to

the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

♪ Thanksgiving and Post-Communion Collect *LSB 200*

P O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,

C and His mercy endureth forever.

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

C Amen.

♪ Salutation and Benedicamus *LSB 201 & 202*

P The Lord be with you.

C And with thy spirit.

P Bless we the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

♪ Benediction *LSB 202*

P The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.

The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and {†} give you peace.

C Amen, amen, amen. *Please sit*

Departing Hymn 740: I Am Jesus' Little Lamb

1 I am Jesus' little lamb,
Ever glad at heart I am;
For my Shepherd gently guides me,
Knows my need and well provides me,
Loves me ev'ry day the same,
Even calls me by my name.

2 Day by day, at home, away,
Jesus is my staff and stay.
When I hunger, Jesus feeds me,
Into pleasant pastures leads me;

When I thirst, He bids me go
Where the quiet waters flow.

3 Who so happy as I am,
Even now the Shepherd's lamb?
And when my short life is ended,
By His angel host attended,
He shall fold me to His breast,
There within His arms to rest.

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Serving Today:

Pastor: Pastor Karl Hollibaugh

Elder: Bob Frerking

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Reader: Bob Frerking

Acolytes: Ravenna & Tamsin Brand

Greeters: Don & Carolyn Junker

Ushers: Dale Rickers, LaVerne Malchow, Roger Mohling,
Dave Doering

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

Pastor Joey Bluege respectfully declined our call. The Call Committee has requested a new list from Pastor Snow and will meet again once they have received one.

Happening this week:

Sunday, April 26 8:00 am KWBE Broadcast of previous week

9:00 am Divine Service

10:00 am Adult and Children Sunday School

Tuesday, April 28 7:00 pm LWML Elizabeth Circle

- Saturday, May 2** 11am – 1pm LWML Spring Fling, see insert.
- Sunday, May 3** 8:00 am KWBE Broadcast of previous week
9:00 am Divine Service
10:00 am Adult and Children Sunday School
- Sunday, May 10** 9:00 am Divine Service at church
10:30 am Worship service at school with 5th
grade graduation and reception
- Sunday, May 17** 9:00 am Divine Worship with High School
Graduate Recognition at church with
reception.

Join us downstairs Sunday's at 10:15 for refreshments and **Bible Study. Jr/Sr High students are invited too!**

Today's **radio broadcast** is sponsored by Arvid & Althea Wiest.
Thank you!

Sunday's available for sponsorship in 2026 are July 12, 19, 26;
August 2, 9; Nov 15, 29, and Dec 6, 27. You can schedule a
sponsorship in the **scheduling book outside of the church office**
or call the church office to schedule. Sponsorships of radio
broadcasts are \$125.

Please **join us for our LWML Spring Fling & Salad Luncheon on Saturday, May 2 from 11am – 1pm in St. Paul's Fellowship Hall!**
Our guest speaker is Ruth Karlson who works with people as they transition to life outside of prison. LWML members are asked to bring a salad to share. Bring a friend and enjoy a good time together in fellowship!

We are looking for more people to **help with Altar Guild!** If you are interested or have questions or just want to know what this entails, please contact Rowien Kumm, 402-228-1236.

Items for the bulletin are due by Thursday noon.

School Events & Announcements

May 5: School scholarship deadline for 2026-2027 school year.

May 10: 10:30 Service at the school: 5th grade Graduation and Reception to follow. School children sing at this service.

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 Brad & Joanna Long**. Please place cards in the box in the church narthex or take them to the school office by **May 8**. We will present them at the last day school chapel.

Ms. Ellie Lehr declined the call to be a school teacher for our elementary. Please continue to pray that God leads us to our new teacher.

The school has a lot of exciting changes planned for the upcoming school year including **all day preschool & prekindergarten with academics** in the morning, structured play, lunch, rest, exploration, and time for being creative in the afternoon. Mrs. Aden and Mrs. Sheridan Martinez will be running this program. If a family is interested in half days we can accommodate their schedule, so if you know of a family seeking quality care and education for 3-4 year old children please encourage them to call the school office at 402-223-3414 for more information.

The school are offering **summer child care**, but spots are almost filled up!! Call Sheridan for more information if your family is looking for a safe and enriching place this summer. **We will also continue to offer before and after school care during the 2026-2027 school year.**

We are starting a coin war between the church and school to help raise funds to provide nourishment and enrichment for summer child care months. We hope you'll join us in donating your change or dollar bills to support our summer enrichment summer program! Competition between you and the school! Who

can raise the most??? The kids or the church?!?! Please plan to bring your loose change or bills to church next week.

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

School Chapel offerings in April and May are **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 helper, chicken helper, tuna helper, canned tuna, poptarts, jelly, variety chunky soups, Manwich, ramen noodles.

Please **continue to collect Best Choice and Our Family labels or UPC codes**. They can be turned in at school or in the entry of the church. Thank you for helping to support our school!

The **Youth Group is selling discounted car wash tickets for Super Wash: \$4 each or 5 for \$20**. They are available in the church office or from the school.

Help Preserve the Story of St. Paul's – Volunteers Needed to share memories, old photographs, documents, stories, or knowledge about the history of our stained glass, organ, church artifacts, or the families who helped build St. Paul's. We would love to hear from you. If you are interested in helping preserve the heritage of St. Paul's for future generations, **please contact the church office or speak with a council member**.

From Mercy Meals Odell face book page: "Mercy Meals Odell did their last packing event in March. We've gone strong for 12 years, packing over 800,000 meals! We want to thank all the volunteers who made this number possible! You have all made the world a better place feeding starving people around the globe! Each and every one of you are such a blessing!"

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Remaining April Anniversaries - Happy Anniversary!

(if yours is missing, let us know!)

30 James & Rose Pittman, 32 yrs

Remaining April & Beginning May Birthdays – Happy Birthday!

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

26 Steven Norton

27 Joanna Gellermann-Long

29 Brock Ankersen

May 1 Dale Hagemeyer, Shari Pack

May 3 Chuck Baker, Zander Loomis

The church office is emailing members weekly with announcements and the weekly bulletin. **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 aren't creating a **monthly newsletter**. Our goal is to communicate more frequently with current information via emails and the bulletin. This will save postage and paper. Monthly **calendars** are available in the narthex. Thank you.

From the Nebraska District office...

Please pray for Rev. Dan Wing and his family. Their son, Matthew, was killed in a car accident on March 13. Matthew's wife, Brianna, is the granddaughter of Paul and Lois Leckband. Matthew and Brianna had been married less than a year. Please pray for the community of Concordia University, Nebraska, as they mourn and for the other students involved in the car accident. Matthew and his teammates were returning home from a track & field event in Florida when their car was struck.

Come Visit and see the upcoming Presentations at Mission Central:

- **May 14, 2026**, Ascension Day meal (5:00) and worship service (6:30) with NE District President, Rev. Richard Snow
- **May 16, 2025, 1:00**, Cody and Aurelie Mock, Czech Republic

- **May 23, 2026, 1:00**, Rev. Paul Nelson, Indonesia;
1:30, Rev. Adam Lehman, Puerto Rico

LCEF Take Heart Scholarship

Graduating high school seniors ages 16-18 with a Young Investors Steward Account may apply for the chance to receive a scholarship of \$3,000, \$1,000 or \$500 to put toward expenses as they begin their next chapter of education. Interested applicants should visit lcef.org/scholarship for more information. Entries are due by May 1, 2026.

LLL Scholarship Applications are available for students who are planning to pursue or are currently pursuing full-time church work. Application forms are at <https://ndlcms.org/scholarships/> or from Wendy McCarty, mcwendy@hotmail.com, 308-390-2529 and are due May 15, 2026.

Orphan Grain Train Christmas Gift Boxes

During the last seven years of our Christmas box project with Orphan Grain Train, we have sent 11,981 Christmas boxes to children all around the world. Once again, Grace, in Norfolk is collecting monetary gifts, clothing, and toys to pack more boxes. 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 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. This year we are working on this project one month earlier than previous years. Donations will be 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!

Please help fill care packages to be sent to deployed troops. In our effort to ensure that our fighting men and women have some basic comforts of home, we are seeking donations of the following items to send: BEEF jerky (single serving, no pork products); tuna packets (single serving); snack size trail mix, nuts or other healthy snacks; baby wipes (refill packs or trial size); small toys, puzzles, cards or games; chapstick/lip balm; toilet paper; books or magazines; protein/granola bars; gum and candy (no chocolate – it melts); Crystal Light, Propel or other powder mixes; oatmeal packets; cards or notes of encouragement; laundry detergent pods; small microfiber towels; single serving peanut butter; small boxes of cereal; mac & cheese cups. Cash donations are also appreciated to purchase above items and help pay postage for care packages sent. Postage for each package is over \$14 each. The Blue Star Mothers of America put together packages every 3 months. They are currently sending some this June to those in active duty at this time. **Please bring items to St. Paul's church by May 31,** so we can make sure the items get to Kim Oesterman, Blue Star Mothers of America.

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!

- **Church office** is open Thursdays. Please 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; or 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 large print hymns included** are available from an usher.

- **Calendars for May and June are available at the exits.**

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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