

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

321 N 10th Beatrice, NE 68310 - Pastor Mark Rosenau

May 17, 2026

Seventh 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 907: God Himself is Present

- 1 God Himself is present:
Let us now adore Him
And with awe appear before Him.
God is in His temple;
All within keep silence;
Humbly kneel in deepest rev'rence.
He alone
On His throne
Is our God and Savior;
Praise His name forever!

- 2 God Himself is present:
Hear the harps resounding;
See the hosts the throne surrounding.
"Holy, holy, holy!"
Hear the hymn ascending,

Songs of saints and angels blending.
Bow Your ear
To us here:
Hear, O Christ, the praises
That Your Church now raises.

3 Fount of ev'ry blessing,
Purify my spirit,
Trusting only in Your merit.
Like the holy angels,
Worshiping before You,
May I ceaselessly adore You.
Let Your will
Ever still
Rule Your Church terrestrial
As the hosts celestial.

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CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

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

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.

CBut 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.

CMost 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 100; antiphon: Psalm 101:1

P I will sing of steadfast love and justice; to you, O Lord, I will make music.

C **Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth! Serve the Lord with gladness! Come into his presence with singing!**

P Know that the Lord, he is God! It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

C **Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise! Give thanks to him; bless his name!**

P For the Lord is good; his steadfast love endures forever, and his faithfulness to all generations.

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 will sing of steadfast love and justice; to you, O Lord, I will make music.

♪ 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 King of glory, Lord of hosts, uplifted in triumph far above all heavens, leave us not without consolation but send us the Spirit of truth whom You promised from the Father; for You live and reign with Him and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

♪ **C** Amen. Please sit

First Reading

Acts 1:12–26

¹²Then [the apostles] returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a Sabbath day's journey away. ¹³And when they had entered, they went up to the upper room, where they were staying, Peter and John and James and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James the son of Alphaeus and Simon the Zealot and Judas the son of James. ¹⁴All these with one accord were devoting themselves to prayer, together with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and his brothers.

¹⁵In those days Peter stood up among the brothers (the company of persons was in all about 120) and said, ¹⁶“Brothers, the Scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit spoke beforehand by the mouth of David concerning Judas, who became a guide to those who arrested Jesus. ¹⁷For he was numbered among us and was allotted his share in this ministry.” ¹⁸(Now this man bought a field with the reward of his wickedness, and falling headlong he burst open in the middle and all his bowels gushed out. ¹⁹And it became known to all the inhabitants of Jerusalem, so that the field was called in their own language Akeldama, that is, Field of Blood.) ²⁰“For it is written in the Book of Psalms,

“May his camp become desolate,
and let there be no one to dwell in it’;

and

“Let another take his office.’

²¹So one of the men who have accompanied us during all the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, ²²beginning from the baptism of John until the day when he was taken up from us—one of these men must become with us a witness to his resurrection.” ²³And they put forward two, Joseph called Barsabbas, who was also called Justus, and Matthias. ²⁴And they prayed and said, “You, Lord, who know the hearts of all, show

which one of these two you have chosen ²⁵to take the place in this ministry and apostleship from which Judas turned aside to go to his own place.” ²⁶And they cast lots for them, and the lot fell on Matthias, and he was numbered with the eleven apostles.

R This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Epistle

1 Peter 4:12–19; 5:6–11

¹²Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery trial when it comes upon you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. ¹³But rejoice insofar as you share Christ’s sufferings, that you may also rejoice and be glad when his glory is revealed. ¹⁴If you are insulted for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the Spirit of glory and of God rests upon you. ¹⁵But let none of you suffer as a murderer or a thief or an evildoer or as a meddler. ¹⁶Yet if anyone suffers as a Christian, let him not be ashamed, but let him glorify God in that name. ¹⁷For it is time for judgment to begin at the household of God; and if it begins with us, what will be the outcome for those who do not obey the gospel of God? ¹⁸And

“If the righteous is scarcely saved,
what will become of the ungodly and the sinner?”

¹⁹Therefore let those who suffer according to God’s will entrust their souls to a faithful Creator while doing good. . . .

⁶Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God so that at the proper time he may exalt you, ⁷casting all your anxieties on him, because he cares for you. ⁸Be sober-minded; be watchful. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour. ⁹Resist him, firm in your faith, knowing that the same kinds of suffering are being experienced by your brotherhood throughout the world. ¹⁰And after you have suffered a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to

his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, confirm, strengthen, and establish you. ¹¹To him be the dominion forever and ever. Amen.

R This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

♪ **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 17:1–11

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

♪ **C** Glory to You, O Lord.

¹When Jesus had spoken these words, he lifted up his eyes to heaven, and said, “Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son that the Son may glorify you, ²since you have given him authority over all flesh, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. ³And this is eternal life, that they know you the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. ⁴I glorified you on earth, having accomplished the work that you gave me to do. ⁵And now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had with you before the world existed.

⁶“I have manifested your name to the people whom you gave me out of the world. Yours they were, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. ⁷Now they know that everything that you have given me is from you. ⁸For I have given them the words that you gave me, and they have received them and have come to know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. ⁹I am praying for them. I am not praying for the world but for those whom you have given me, for they are yours. ¹⁰All mine are yours, and yours are mine, and I am glorified in them.

¹¹And I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, keep them in your name, which you have given me, that they may be one, even as we are one.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

♪ **C** Praise to You, O Christ.

Hymn 752: Be Still, My Soul

1 Be still, my soul; the Lord is on your side;
Bear patiently the cross of grief or pain;
Leave to your God to order and provide;
In ev'ry change He faithful will remain.
Be still, my soul; your best, your heav'nly Friend
Through thorny ways leads to a joyful end.

2 Be still, my soul; your God will undertake
To guide the future as He has the past.
Your hope, your confidence let nothing shake;
All now mysterious shall be bright at last.
Be still, my soul; the waves and winds still know
His voice who ruled them while He dwelt below.

3 Be still, my soul; though dearest friends depart
And all is darkened in this vale of tears;
Then you will better know His love, His heart,
Who comes to soothe your sorrows and your fears.
Be still, my soul; your Jesus can repay
From His own fullness all He takes away.

4 Be still, my soul; the hour is hast'ning on
When we shall be forever with the Lord,
When disappointment, grief, and fear are gone,
Sorrow forgot, love's purest joys restored.
Be still, my soul; when change and tears are past,
All safe and blessèd we shall meet at last.

Sermon

Apostles' Creed *Please Stand*

C I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried.
He descended into hell.
The third day He rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From thence He will come to judge the living and the
dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life {✝} everlasting. Amen.

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.

Graduate Recognition: *Please sit*

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 617: O Lord, We Praise Thee

1 O Lord, we praise Thee, bless Thee, and adore Thee,
In thanksgiving bow before Thee.

Thou with Thy body and Thy blood didst nourish
Our weak souls that they may flourish:

O Lord, have mercy!

May Thy body, Lord, born of Mary,
That our sins and sorrows did carry,
And Thy blood for us plead

In all trial, fear, and need:

O Lord, have mercy!

2 Thy holy body into death was given,
Life to win for us in heaven.

No greater love than this to Thee could bind us;
May this feast thereof remind us!

O Lord, have mercy!

Lord, Thy kindness did so constrain Thee
That Thy blood should bless and sustain me.

All our debt Thou hast paid;

Peace with God once more is made:

O Lord, have mercy!

3 May God bestow on us His grace and favor

That we follow Christ our Savior

And live together here in love and union

Nor despise this blest Communion!

O Lord, have mercy!

Let not Thy good Spirit forsake us;

Grant that heav'nly-minded He make us;

Give Thy Church, Lord, to see

Days of peace and unity:
O Lord, have mercy!

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Hymn 517, st 1, 13, 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.

13 St. Matthias, Apostle (February 24)
For one in place of Judas,
The apostles sought God's choice;
The lot fell to Matthias
For whom we now rejoice.
May we like true apostles
Your holy Church defend,
And not betray our calling
But serve You to the end.

△ 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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Hymn 728: **How Firm a Foundation**

1 How firm a foundation, O saints of the Lord,
Is laid for your faith in His excellent Word!

What more can He say than to you He has said
Who unto the Savior for refuge have fled?

2 “Fear not! I am with you, O be not dismayed,
For I am your God and will still give you aid;
I’ll strengthen you, help you, and cause you to stand,
Upheld by My righteous, omnipotent hand.

3 “The soul that on Jesus has leaned for repose
I will not, I will not, desert to his foes;
That soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake,
I’ll never, no never, no never, forsake!

4 “When through fiery trials your pathway will lie,
My grace, all-sufficient, will be your supply.
The flames will not hurt you; I only design
Your dross to consume and your gold to refine.

5 “Throughout all their lifetime My people will prove
My sov’rign, eternal, unchangeable love;
And then, when gray hairs will their temples adorn,
Like lambs they will still in My bosom be borne.”

Text: A Selection of Hymns, 1787, London, 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.

C Amen. *Please sit*

Departing 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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Serving Today:

Pastor: Pastor Mark Rosenau

Elder: Chuck Baker

Organist: Bev Duensing

Reader: Marilyn Keilig

Acolytes: Anthony & Ivan Long

Greeters: Wayne & Chris Schulz

Ushers: Eric Jobman, Bob Pfingsten, Gary Swanson, Andrew Landon

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

Today's radio broadcast is sponsored by **Vivian Zimmerman in memory of her husband Wayne's birthday** on May 26th.

Sunday's available for sponsorship in 2026 are July 12, 26; August 2, 9; Nov 29, and Dec 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 17 8:00 am KWBE Broadcast of previous week
9:00 am Divine Service with recognition of graduating seniors. Reception is on the front lawn if the weather permits. If not, it will be in the fellowship hall.

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

Sunday, May 24 8:00 am KWBE Broadcast of previous week
9:00 am Divine Service.
10:00 am Adult Bible Study & Kid's Sunday School

No Adult Bible Study or Children's Sunday School today. Both will be resume on May 24. May 24 is the last Children's Sunday School session until Sept 13. Adult Bible Study will continue through the summer.

Last Week: May 10, 2026

Church service -

Attendance: 101 General Offering: \$5,548 Missions: \$40

School service -

Attendance: 100+ General Offering: \$675.55

Expenses paid last week (bills): \$3,049.23

Today we're recognizing our 2026 High School Graduates!

Olivia Duever
Macey Holthus
Eyan Loseman
Hudsen Tiemann

Brooklyn Duff
Haley Loomis
Tatum Robinson
Tyler Wright



Congratulations to all of you!

God is with you wherever you go and in whatever you do. He has great plans for you! A cake reception will be held on the front lawn following the service (weather permitting), or in the fellowship hall (if it doesn't), giving the congregation an opportunity to offer their congratulations to our graduates!

The Call Committee has received a new list of Pastoral Candidates. The committee will meet on May 20 to review the list. The confidential information on the candidates is in a notebook in the office for review by the congregation. The information cannot be copied, distributed, or leave the church office. The office is open following Sunday services until 11:00 and by appointment. Please call Vicki Frerking to schedule a time. As a reminder, the Call Committee members are Martin Seckel, Diane Lux, Marilus Snyder, Rod Aden, Carissa Hoops, Carla Loemker, Dave Doering, and Penny Shaffer.

Vacation Bible School is scheduled for June 22-25 from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. at St. Paul's School. We thank Lisa Oltmans for directing this. Information about registration will be available soon.

Items for the bulletin are due by Thursday noon.

An updated Shut-In List as of May 14 is available in the tract rack by the front door and near the elevator entrance.

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 Garage Sale** at the school gym is **June 4, 5 & 6**. We ask that donated items are clean and in good repair. (Not accepted: TVs of any kind, mattresses, car seats, entertainment centers, encyclopedias, firearms, or any broken items.) Items for the sale will be received Tuesday and Wednesday, June 2 & 3, at the school from 9-12 and 5-8, and Thursday, June 4 from 9-12. **Early sale access** (\$10 entry fee) is Thursday, June 4 from 5-7 p.m. Other sale times are Friday 7:30 am to 4 pm and Saturday, 7:30 – 2:30 p.m. **Volunteers are needed all 5 days**. If you can donate some time, please call Michelle Baker at 562-552-2397 to schedule a shift. See the flyer at the end of the bulletin. Proceeds for St. Paul Auction Fund.

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. If you would like to contribute to this project, make a note on the donation that it is for the screens project. Thank you!

Mid & Late May Anniversaries - Happy Anniversary!

(Let us know if yours is missing)

10: Bob & Lorelie Ankersen, 68 yrs

18: Arvid & Althea Wiest, 52 yrs

23: Justin & Deann Paulson, 17 yrs

28: Gary & Sharon Rupprecht 48 yrs

15: Bill & Diane Lux, 33 yrs

21: Lawrence & Norma Sohl, 65^{yrs}

27: Mark & Sherri Thomas, 9 yrs

31: Ken & Carla Loemker, 46 yrs

Mid & Late May Birthdays – Happy Birthday!

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

10: Brian Hoopos, Mckenna Loomis

12: Nicole Landon, Laura-Leigh Norris

15: Lyndon Wiegand

22: Bernice Pfungsten

25: Leola Wollenburg

26: Holly Norris

28: Sharon Rupprecht

30: Marlene Seckel

12: Dorothy Daubendiek

14: Bob Tiemann

20: Kanon Oden, Helen Wright

24: Alberta Rahe

25: Michael Holthus

27: Michelle Poling, Natalie Schultze

29: Jan Busboom, Karl Boerger

Emails are being sent weekly with that week's bulletin to those we have email addresses for. If you're not getting them, please give us your email.

Monthly newsletters have been discontinued, saving postage and paper. Monthly **calendars** are available in the narthex.

Please **continue to collect Best Choice UPC codes for our school**. 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!

We're helping collect items to fill care packages for deployed troops through May 31. 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 help pay postage of \$14 to send each package. The next shipment is in June. **Please bring items by May 31.**

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 free online newsletters at www.lhm.org and www.ndlcms.org.

Camp Luther offers several events for kids and families to enjoy Christ-centered fun! **Summer kid camps** offer archery, canoeing, kayaking, swimming epic games, hiking, and specialty sessions as well as s'mores, and campfire devotions and Bible Studies. **Camp Luther Family Weekend** is free on June 6 with hiking, canoeing, a bounce house, wagon rides, and a 5K Color Fun Run! **Fall Events and Retreats** include outdoor education, golf tournament, and Youth and Women's Retreats. More information and registration for all of these is at campluther.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 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. Adults \$10, students free.

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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St. Paul's Lutheran 3rd Annual

Garage Sale!

Worthy Cause!
Great Deals!
All proceeds benefit St.
Paul's Auction
Foundation

PREVIEW SALE
THURSDAY, JUNE 4TH
5-7 pm
\$10 ENTRANCE FEE



- Household Items
- Clothing & Shoes
- Tools & Gadgets
- Books & Toys
- Kid's Items
- Small Appliances
- AND MORE!



St. Paul's Lutheran School Gymnasium
911 Prairie Lane, Beatrice, NE

June 5th 8:00am - 4:00pm

June 6th 8:00am - 2:30pm

Please drop off donations at the school gym during the following times:

Tuesday, June 2nd 9am-12pm & 5pm-8pm

Wednesday, June 3rd 9am -12pm & 5pm-8pm

Thursday, June 4th 9am-12pm

ITEMS NOT ACCEPTED AS DONATIONS:

Broken or dirty items, TVs of any kind, mattresses, car seats, firearms, entertainment centers, and encyclopedias.

WE RESERVE THE RIGHT TO REFUSE DONATIONS.

ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH AND SCHOOL

St. Paul's Vacation Bible School
June 22-25, 1-3 p.m.
At St. Paul's School



Snowball Mountain Challenge
"Find Your Strength in God"
Snowball Mountain Challenge VBS
promises a snowy winter sports adventure
centered around Philippians 4:13.

Registration information coming soon!