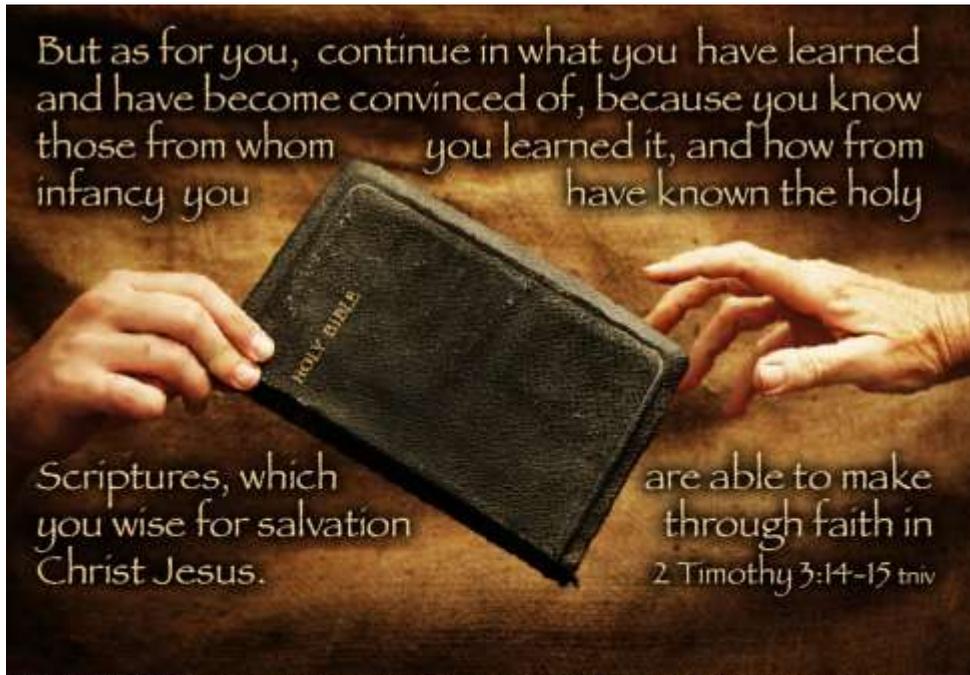


Christ Beatrice – 7:45AM

St. Paul's Plymouth – 10:00AM

November 15, 2020

Saints Triumphant



2020 Confirmation Verses Sermon Series

8/30—Deuteronomy 4:23

9/27—2 Timothy 4:8

11/1—Psalm 28:7 &

9/6—Joshua 1:9

10/4—2 Corinthians 9:10,11

Psalm 62:1-2

9/13—Luke 1:37 &

10/18—Ephesians 4:32

11/15—Revelation 2:10

Matthew 19:26

10/25—Philippians 4:6,7

11/22—1 Corinthians 1:8

9/20—2 Corinthians 12:10

Broadcast Sponsor

Our broadcast today is sponsored in loving memory of Allen Scheele by his family and friends. Allen was born November 16, 1936.

Welcome

THANK YOU for joining us for worship today!
We pray that your spiritual life will be nourished through Word and Sacrament.

- † Please practice social distancing as to be respectful of others' space during this time.
- † If you do not want to use a paper bulletin this morning, you can access the bulletin on our website – www.stpaulsplymouth.org. The entire worship service is printed out so that you do not need to use the hymnal.
- † Offering plates can be found at the entrances. Although giving offerings for gospel ministry is an act of worship, we will refrain from passing the offering plates during the service at this time.
- † May the Lord bless the time we spend together around His Word this morning! If you are looking for a church to call home, please contact Pastor Berger at any time (email pastorberger@gmail.com; call/text 402-239-4509; or stop by the church office). He would love to serve you with God's Word!
- † If you desire, there is a nursery in the back on the west side of the church, but please know that **your children are ALWAYS welcome** in our service no matter how much noise they make. We're happy to have them hear the Word and join us praising God with their voices!
- † Before you leave, please sign the **guest register**. It is located on the top of the stairs in the church entryway.
- † Please talk to one of the **Elders** (seated in the back of the church) if you have questions about the service or the congregation.
- † **Large print service folders** are available. Please speak to one of the Elders if this would be of assistance to you.
- † Our Sunday morning service can be heard on KWBE 1450AM (94.7FM) and viewed live and archived at www.stpaulsplymouth.org. Please share this information with those who are not able to attend worship.
- † **Prayers before Worship** can be found in *Christian Worship—A Lutheran Hymnal*, pp. 10-11.

Focus for Our Worship

After three years of instruction on the basics of Christianity, we have a special Confirmation Sunday when the students share what they have learned and confess their Christian faith. This year our Confirmation Sunday was August 16th (it's usually the first Sunday in May). Each confirmand picked a verse to be a guide and encouragement throughout his/her entire life. It is also our custom here at St. Paul's to use the confirmand's verse at his/her funeral. Over the next weeks, we are going to be taking a look at the wonderful verses this year's confirmands have chosen. May the confirmands and all of us continue in what we have learned (2 Timothy 3:14-15) as we study the Holy Scriptures together. This morning we meditate on the verse chosen by Kaden Koch, Revelation 2:10.

Service of the Word (with the Gathering Rite on the Word)

PRESERVICE HAND CHIMES "Now Thank We All Our God" by Lloyd Larson

ST. PAUL'S SCHOOL CHOIR "Christ Our Hope in Life and Death" by Getty, Papa, Bowell, Kauflin

M In the name of the Father and of the Son ☩ and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Introduction to the hymn.

Bless - ed Je - sus, at your Word We are gath - ered all to
Let our hearts and souls be stirred Now to seek and love and
hear you. By your teach - ings, sweet and ho - ly,
fear you,
Drawn from earth to love you sole - ly.

M Oh, how I love Your law!

C I meditate on it all day long.

M Your commands make me wiser than my enemies,

C for they are ever with me.

M I have more insight than all my teachers,

C for I meditate on Your statutes.

M How sweet are Your words to my taste,

C sweeter than honey to my mouth! (*Psalm 119:97-99,103*)

All our knowledge, sense, and sight Lie in deep - est dark-ness
Till your Spir - it breaks our night With the beams of truth un -
shroud - ed You a-lone to God can win us;
cloud - ed.
You must work all good with - in us.

M All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting, and training in righteousness,

C so that the man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work. (2 Timothy 3:16,17)

M Yet, so often we have despised God's Word and failed to gladly hear and learn it. For this and all our sins, we bow before God and humbly ask His forgiveness.

All Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful, and that I have disobeyed You in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve Your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.



Gra - cious Sav - ior, good and kind, Light from Light, from God pro -
O - pen now our heart and mind; Help us by your Spir - it's
ceed - ing, Hear the cry your peo - ple rais - es;
plead - ing.
Hear and bless our prayers and prais - es.

M God gave His word so "that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in His name" (John 20:31). The Scriptures testify about Jesus, who lived a perfect life for you, died on the cross to pay for all your sins, and rose again to assure you of your salvation. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by His authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.



Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost, Praise to you and ad - o -
Grant that we your Word may trust, Con - fi - dent of our sal -
ra - tion! While we here be - low must wan - der,
va - tion,
Till we sing your prais - es yon - der.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M O Lord, in Your grace You have come to us through Your Word and Sacrament. Continue to strengthen us through these means and make us a church family that never wearies of encouraging one another to stay focused on our Savior Jesus, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



THE WORD

FIRST LESSON – Ecclesiastes 12 (selected verses)

Be faithful...not sometime in the future...but right now..."Fear God and keep His ommandments."

Remember your Creator

in the days of your youth,
before the days of trouble come
and the years approach when you will say,
"I find no pleasure in them"—

²before the sun and the light
and the moon and the stars grow dark,
and the clouds return after the rain;

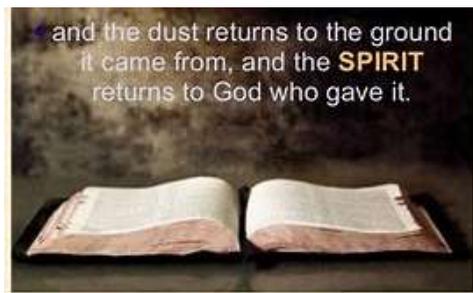
⁵when men are afraid of heights
and of dangers in the streets;
when the almond tree blossoms
and the grasshopper drags himself along
and desire no longer is stirred.

Then man goes to his eternal home
and mourners go about the streets.

⁶Remember him—before the silver cord is severed,
or the golden bowl is broken;
before the pitcher is shattered at the spring,
or the wheel broken at the well,

⁷and the dust returns to the ground it came from,
and the spirit returns to God who gave it.

¹¹ The words of the wise are like goads, their collected sayings like firmly embedded nails—
given by one Shepherd. ¹² Be warned, my son, of anything in addition to them.
Of making many books there is no end, and much study wearies the body.



¹³Now all has been heard;
here is the conclusion of the matter:
Fear God and keep his commandments,
for this is the whole duty of man.

¹⁴For God will bring every deed into judgment,
including every hidden thing,
whether it is good or evil.

PSALM OF THE DAY – Psalm 31

Refrain



Sure-ly, it is God who saves me; I will trust in him and
not be a - fraid. For the Lord is my strong-hold and my
sure de-fense, and he will be my Sav - ior.

Psalm tone



In you, O LORD, I have taken | refuge;
deliver me in your | righteousness.

Be my rock of | refuge,
a strong fortress to | save me.

Into your hands I commit my | spirit;
redeem me, O LORD, the | God of truth.

Refrain

My times are | in your hands;
save me in your un- | failing love.

How great is your | goodness,
which you have stored up for those who | fear you.

You heard my cry for | mercy
when I called to | you for help.

Glory be to the Father and | to the Son
and to the Holy | Spirit,
as it was in the be- | ginning,
is now, and will be forever. | Amen.

Refrain

SECOND LESSON – Revelation 2:8-10

Sermon Text

⁸“To the angel of the church in Smyrna write:

These are the words of him who is the First and the Last, who died and came to life again. ⁹I know your afflictions and your poverty—yet you are rich! I know the slander of those who say they are Jews and are not, but are a synagogue of Satan. ¹⁰Do not be afraid of what you are about to suffer. I tell you, the devil will put some of you in prison to test you, and you will suffer persecution for ten days. Be faithful, even to the point of death, and I will give you the crown of life.

VERSE OF THE DAY – 2 Corinthians 4:16-18

Alleluia. ¹⁶Therefore we do not lose heart. Though outwardly we are wasting away, yet inwardly we are being renewed day by day. ¹⁷For our light and momentary troubles are achieving for us an eternal glory that far outweighs them all. ¹⁸So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen. For what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal. Alleluia!



C: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!



These words are writ - ten that we may be-lieve that



Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

HOLY GOSPEL – Matthew 10:11-33

Jesus sends out the Twelve Disciples and tells them what to expect. Living in this world but not of this world won't be an easy task, "but he who stands firm to the end will be saved."

¹¹ "Whatever town or village you enter, search for some worthy person there and stay at his house until you leave. ¹² As you enter the home, give it your greeting. ¹³ If the home is deserving, let your peace rest on it; if it is not, let your peace return to you. ¹⁴ If anyone will not welcome you or listen to your words, shake the dust off your feet when you leave that home or town. ¹⁵ I tell you the truth, it will be more bearable for Sodom and Gomorrah on the day of judgment than for that town. ¹⁶ I am sending you out like sheep among wolves. Therefore be as shrewd as snakes and as innocent as doves.

¹⁷ "Be on your guard against men; they will hand you over to the local councils and flog you in their synagogues. ¹⁸ On my account you will be brought before governors and kings as witnesses to them and to the Gentiles. ¹⁹ But when they arrest you, do not worry about what to say or how to say it. At that time you will be given what to say, ²⁰ for it will not be you speaking, but the Spirit of your Father speaking through you.

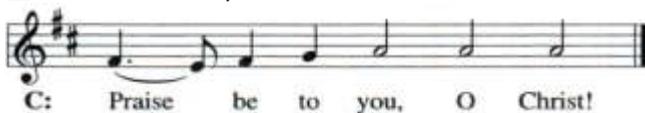
²¹ "Brother will betray brother to death, and a father his child; children will rebel against their parents and have them put to death. ²² All men will hate you because of me, but he who stands firm to the end will be saved. ²³ When you are persecuted in one place, flee to another. I tell you the truth, you will not finish going through the cities of Israel before the Son of Man comes.

²⁴ "A student is not above his teacher, nor a servant above his master. ²⁵ It is enough for the student to be like his teacher, and the servant like his master. If the head of the house has been called Beelzebub, how much more the members of his household!

²⁶ "So do not be afraid of them. There is nothing concealed that will not be disclosed, or hidden that will not be made known. ²⁷ What I tell you in the dark, speak in the daylight; what is whispered in your ear, proclaim from the roofs. ²⁸ Do not be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. Rather, be afraid of the One who can destroy both soul and body in hell. ²⁹ Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground apart from the will of your Father. ³⁰ And even the very hairs of your head are all numbered. ³¹ So don't be afraid; you are worth more than many sparrows.

³² "Whoever acknowledges me before men, I will also acknowledge him before my Father in heaven. ³³ But whoever disowns me before men, I will disown him before my Father in heaven.

M This is the Gospel of our Lord!



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Crown Him with Many Crowns

4 Crown him the Lord of heav'n, En - throned in worlds a -

1 Crown him with man - y crowns, The Lamb up - on his
 2 Crown him the Lord of love — Be - hold his hands and
 3 Crown him the Lord of life, Who tri - umphed o'er the
 4 Crown him the Lord of heav'n, En - throned in worlds a -

bove; Crown him the King to whom is giv'n The

throne; Hark how the heav'n - ly an - them drowns All
 side; Rich wounds, yet vis - i - ble a - bove, In
 grave And rose vic - to - rious in the strife For
 bove; Crown him the King to whom is giv'n The

won - drous name of Love. Crown him with man - y

mu - sic but its own. A - wake, my soul, and
 beau - ty glo - ri - fied. No an - gel in the
 those he came to save. His glo - ries now we
 won - drous name of Love. Crown him with man - y

crowns As thrones be - fore him fall; Crown him, ye
sing Of him who died for thee, And hail him
sky Can ful - ly bear that sight, But down - ward
sing Who died and rose on high, Who died e -
crowns As thrones be - fore him fall; Crown him, ye

kings, with man - y crowns For he is King of all.
as thy match - less King Through all e - ter - ni - ty.
bends his won - d'ring eye At mys - ter - ies so bright.
ter - nal life to bring And lives that death may die.
kings, with man - y crowns For he is King of all.

SERMON – Revelation 2:10

APOSTLES' CREED

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

I believe 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 is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there 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

LORD'S PRAYER



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

HYMN

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Wake, Awake, for Night Is Flying

1 "Wake, a - wake, for night is fly - ing,"
2 Zi - on hears the watch - men sing - ing,
3 Now let all the heav'ns a - dore you;

The watch - men on the heights are cry - ing, "A - wake, Je -
And all her heart with joy is spring - ing; She wakes, she
Let saints and an - gels sing be - fore you With harp and

ru - sa - lem, a - rise!" Mid - night hears the
 ris - es from her gloom, For her Lord comes
 cym-bal's clear - est tone. Of one pearl each

wel - come voic - es And at the thrill - ing
 down all - glo - rious, The strong in grace, in
 shin - ing por - tal, Where, dwell - ing with the

cry re - joic - es: "Oh, where are all you vir - gins wise?
 truth vic - to - rious; Her Star is ris'n, her Light is come.
 choir im - mor - tal, We gath - er round your ra - diant throne.

The Bride - groom comes — a - wake! Your lamps with
 "Now come, O Bless - ed One, Christ Je - sus,
 No vi - sion ev - er brought, No ear has

glad - ness take! Al - le - lu - ia! With bri - dal care
 God's own Son. Hail! Ho - san - na! The joy - ful call
 ev - er caught Such great glo - ry; There - fore will we

Your - selves pre - pare To meet the Bride - groom who is near."
 We an - swer all And fol - low to the wed - ding hall."
 In vic - to - ry Sing hymns of praise e - ter - nal - ly.

CLOSING PRAYER AND BLESSING

M Almighty God, we thank You for teaching us the things You want us to believe and do. Help us by Your Holy Spirit to keep Your Word in pure hearts that we may be strengthened in faith, guided in holiness, and comforted in life and in death, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: A - men.

M Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another. Serve the Lord with gladness.
 The LORD bless you and keep you.
 The LORD make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
 The LORD look on you with favor and ☩ give you peace.

C: A - men. A - men. A - men.

There Is a Higher Throne

1 There is a high - er throne than all this
 2 And there we'll find our home, our life be -

world has known. Where faith - ful ones from ev - 'ry tongue
 fore the throne. We'll hon - or him in per - fect song

will one day come. Be - fore the Son we'll stand,
 where we be - long. He'll wipe each tear - stained eye

made fault - less through the Lamb; Be - liev - ing
 as thirst and hun - ger die. The Lamb be -

hearts find prom - ised grace; sal - va - tion comes.
 comes our Shep - herd - King; we'll reign with him.

Refrain

Hear heav - en's voi - ces sing; their thund - 'rous
 an - them rings. Through em - 'rald courts and sap - phire skies
 their prais - es rise. All glo - ry, wis - dom, pow'r,
 strength, thanks, and hon - or are to God our King who
 reigns on high for - ev - er - more.

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St. Paul's Church Family

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

Monday – M/M Wendell Gronemeyer
Tuesday – Stan Hueske, Catherine Jurgens, Dean Mammen
Friday – Reid Shepler, M/M Jamey Krueger
Saturday – Randy Watts
Sunday – Anna Schmidt, M/M Don Wurm

Christ Lutheran's Church Family

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

Today – Jacob Crome **Tuesday** – Carol Wilson

This Week, By God's Grace (November 15th – November 22nd)

Sunday	Worship at Christ, Beatrice Christmas Eve Practice and Bible Class Worship at St. Paul's, Plymouth Food Drive (Nov. 8-26)	7:45am 9:00am 10:00am
Monday	Faculty Meeting	7:15am
Tuesday	Faculty Devotion LES Catechism Class	7:15am 8:30am
Wednesday	School Chapel PSI Class Adult Choir	8:30am 6:00-7:30pm 7:00-8:00pm
Thursday	Faculty Devotion LES Catechism Class Ladies Aid Growing in Hope Class Nominating Committee	7:15am 8:30am 2:30pm 7:00-8:00pm 8:00pm
Friday	Junior Choir Concert (in sanctuary and live streamed)	7:00pm
Saturday	Community Leaf Raking	9:00am-Noon
Sunday	Worship at Christ, Beatrice Christmas Eve Practice and Bible Class Worship at St. Paul's, Plymouth (Greeters: Andrew & Jaime Danner) (Childcare: Dianne Weishahn, Annie Hummel) Adult Choir Food Drive (Nov. 8-26)	7:45am 9:00am 10:00am 11:15am-12:15pm

Prayer Updates

† Marcia Nispel returned home to the Kensington on Thursday.

Leaf Raking—St. Paul’s Plymouth will be raking leaves throughout our community on Saturday, November 21st. **All members are welcome to help out, especially if you have a machine that picks up leaves. Snacks and lunch will be provided.** The donations received will be placed into the “Teens for Christ” account and used for future Youth Trips. If you are interested in having us come to your home for raking, please call the church office (402-656-3003).



Offering Envelopes—Envelope offering numbers will soon be assigned for 2021. If you are planning on using the automatic withdrawal system and will not need a set of envelopes for next year, please contact the church office. Thank you!

Poinsettias—If you would like to help beautify our church with poinsettias during the Christmas season, there is a sign-up sheet on the table near the mailboxes in the front entrance. The cost is \$16.00 per plant and the deadline to sign up is November 29th.



Children’s Christmas Eve Practice—Today, rather than normal Sunday School, Christmas Eve practice started for all children who will be participating in the service either on the 23rd at 7PM or the 24th at 7PM. A letter was handed to the students today indicating if they will be sharing the account of Jesus’ birth on the 23rd or the 24th.



Bible Class—A new Bible Class study started today in the sanctuary. Bring your Bible and join us as we open the Scriptures to the book of Philippians and consider God’s words of encouragement to His Church here on earth.



St. Paul’s is sponsoring a Christmas Decorating Contest for all houses in the Plymouth village limits. Judging will take place on the evening of

Friday, December 11th and winners will be announced on Facebook. Prizes include a \$200 gift card to the Plymouth Country Store and a \$100 gift card to P-Town’s Daily Grind. Have fun decorating and join us at 7PM on either December 23rd or 24th (in-person & online) as the children remind us:

JESUS IS THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD!





Housing for Pastor Dauck & Family—The Freese family has graciously allowed the Dauck family to rent Leon and Alida’s house until a house becomes available for purchase in the Village of Plymouth. With homes in Plymouth selling so quickly (without even going on the market), please contact Pastor Berger if you know of any housing possibilities that will be available soon.

Christ Lutheran Beatrice Church Council Meeting—The Christ Lutheran Church Council will meet on Tuesday, November 24th to discuss structuring a church council for 2021 and making nominations for these positions.

THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE



This Thanksgiving we have another opportunity to serve those who are in need. If you would like to participate, you can do one (or more) of the following:

- Bring non-perishable food items to worship Sunday, November 8th, Sunday, November 15th, Sunday, November 22nd, or Thanksgiving Day, November 26th.
- Bring a monetary gift. These gifts will go into a fund for the Elders to use when people request assistance with food or gasoline.
- Remember in your prayers God’s blessings to you and remember in your prayers those in need.



Please note: The Food Pantry is in need of the following types of nonperishable items: tuna, soup – all types, pasta noodles, spaghetti sauce, canned tomatoes, pancake mix (complete mix where just water is needed), syrup, cereal – cold and hot, rice, instant/boxed potatoes, canned meat, pork & beans, boxed dinners, flour/sugar, cooking oil, instant/evaporated milk, macaroni & cheese, peanut butter, jelly, crackers, after-school snacks, bread, coffee, condiments, canned fruit, soap, shampoo, toilet paper, toothpaste/toothbrushes, diapers – especially the larger sizes, diaper rash cream, antiperspirant, feminine hygiene products, laundry detergent, paper towels/Kleenex



November 1 – November 28

ONLINE Fall Auction

Nebraska Lutheran High School will be hosting our annual Fall Auction a bit differently this year due to Covid and will be hosting the event all **online**. Bidding for the event will start November 1 and continue through November 28. There will still be many AWESOME items to bid on. Please keep an eye on our website for more information and how you can help support the Christian Education that Nebraska Lutheran has been providing for 41 years. Please contact Mandy at mwellman@nelhs.org or 402-728-5236 with any questions or concerns.

- All Items will be online
- Easy Access to all Items
 - Easy pick up
 - Help Support NELHS
- In person or over the phone help with bidding registration
- All proceeds from the Auction will go to new cafeteria tables and equipment



If you would like more information about St. Paul's Lutheran Church, feel free to speak with Pastor Fred Berger after the service or anytime during the week! (call/text 402-239-4509; email pastorberger@gmail.com) If you think you might be interested in joining the St. Paul's church family, Pastor would be more than happy to take you through some Bible studies at whatever time or location is most convenient for you to learn more about what we teach.

If you would like more information about St. Paul's Lutheran School, feel free to speak with Mr. Andrew Danner! (call/text 402-433-5349; email danner@stpaulsplymouth.org) He would love to give you a tour of the school and answer any questions you might have about the excellent Christ-centered education we offer students of our church and community.

Please contact us! We would love to serve you!

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