

# ST. PAUL'S EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH PLYMOUTH, NEBRASKA



*Confirmation  
of  
Mikhaela Bergmeier, Pierce Damrow,  
Rebecca Hueske, Addison Paxton,  
Alex Paxton, and Ashley Sasse*

May 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2021

**Confirmation** is a church rite for those who have been baptized and instructed in the Christian faith. This public ceremony allows the opportunity for the confirmants to publicly confess their faith, to be prayed for by both family and congregation, and to be admitted as those who are able to “examine themselves” so that they may now receive the Lord’s Supper as communicant members of this congregation.

**The White Robe** is a symbol of the Christian’s holiness in the sight of God because of the cleansing blood of Christ.

**The Examination** allows the confirmants to explain in detail the doctrines they have come to know and believe from the study of God’s Word from Luther’s Small Catechism. This examination is an excellent review, not just for them, but for all who witness the examination. It is not a test to determine whether they will be confirmed.

**The Bended Knee** is a confession we all make: God is above us and we are below God. The confirmants humbly come before Him, not taking their promises lightly, and asking God to bless and keep them.

**The Confirmation Verse** is a passage each confirmand has chosen for himself/herself. The verse is intended to be a guide and encouragement throughout the life of each confirmand. It is also our custom here at St. Paul’s to use the confirmand’s verse at his/her funeral.

**The Handshake** is a sign of fellowship. The confirmants reject the devil and all his lies and commit their lives to being disciples of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**Finally**, confirmation is an important milestone in the lives of these young Christians, but not as important as what comes before it and after it. Having been brought to faith in Holy Baptism and strengthened through God’s Word, our confirmants realize that God’s Word and the Lord’s Supper are a never-ending source of strength, courage, and comfort. May God keep them in His care, and bring them at last, with all believers, to the never-ending joys of heaven.

## ORDER OF SERVICE

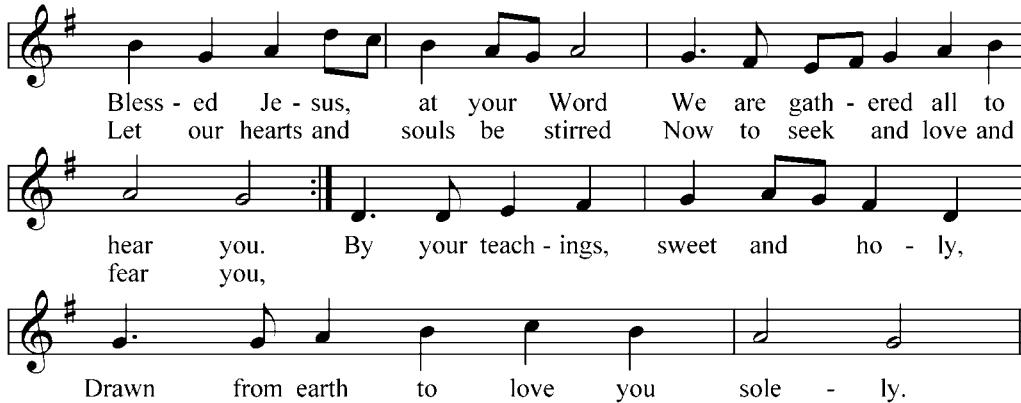
**K-8 Choir & Nathan Schwab, Robert Orth, David Hummel "Hear the Prayers for Our Children"**  
by Patricia Mock

*Please Stand*

**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  
ced - 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.

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## **Prayer of the Day**

**M** Lord, keep us steadfast in Your Word. We ask You to grant these confirmands and all of us the zeal to further learn and study the Scriptures. As we do, continue to send Your Holy Spirit to point us to Your Son, Jesus, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

*Please Be Seated*

## **Examination**

*Feel free to take notes on questions you missed or answers you want to review. May God bless this short summary of the basics of the Christian faith!*

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**Hymn** “Our Lord and God, Oh, Bless This Day” (CW 599, stanza 2)

**J** Oh, bless Your Word to all the young;  
Let them, Your truth possessing,  
Bear witness true with heart and tongue,  
Their faith and ours confessing.  
From mother's arms Your grace  
With love did them embrace.  
Baptized into Your name,  
As Yours You did them claim;  
O Lord, as Yours now own them!

**Lesson** – Romans 1:16a

I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God for the salvation of everyone who believes. (Alex Paxton)

**Hymn** – “Speak, O Lord” (CWS 735, stanzas 1&2)

**J** Speak, O Lord, as we come to You to receive the food of Your Holy Word.  
Take Your truth, plant it deep in us; shape and fashion us in Your likeness  
That the light of Christ might be seen today in our acts of love and our deeds of faith.  
Speak, O Lord, and fulfill in us all Your purposes for Your glory.

Teach us, Lord, full obedience, holy reverence, true humility.  
Test our thoughts and our attitudes in the radiance of Your purity.  
Cause our faith to rise, cause our eyes to see Your majestic love and authority.  
Words of pow'r that can never fail, let their truth prevail over unbelief.

**Lesson** – John 11:25-26a

Jesus said to her, “I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in me will live, even though he dies;<sup>26</sup> and whoever lives and believes in me will never die.” (Addison Paxton)

**Hymn** – “The Church’s One Foundation” (CW 538, stanzas 1&5)

¶ The Church's one foundation Is Jesus Christ, her Lord;  
She is His new creation by water and the Word.  
From heav'n He came and sought her to be His holy bride;  
With His own blood He bought her, And for her life He died.

Mid toil and tribulation and tumult of her war  
She waits the consummation of peace forevermore  
Till with the vision glorious her longing eyes are blest  
And the great Church victorious shall be the Church at rest.

**Lesson** – Jeremiah 29:11

“For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the LORD, “plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.” (Rebecca Hueske)

**Hymn** – “There Is a Higher Throne” (CW 727, stanza 1)

¶ There is a higher throne than all this world has known,  
Where faithful ones from ev'ry tongue will one day come.  
Before the Son we'll stand, made faultless through the Lamb;  
Believing hearts find promised grace; salvation comes.

Hear heaven's voices sing; their thund'rrous anthem rings.  
Through em'rald courts and sapphire skies their praises rise.  
All glory, wisdom, pow'r, strength, thanks, and honor are  
to God our King Who reigns on high forevermore.

**Lesson** – Joshua 1:9

“Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be terrified; do not be discouraged, for the LORD your God will be with you wherever you go.” (Mikhaela Bergmeier)

**Hymn** – “Day by Day” (CWS 765, stanzas 1&3)

¶ Day by day, Your mercies Lord, attend me,  
Bringing comfort to my anxious soul.  
Day by day, the blessings, Lord, You send me  
Draw me nearer to my heav'nly goal.  
Love divine, beyond all mortal measure,  
Brings to naught the burdens of my quest;  
Savior, lead me to the home I treasure,  
Where, at last, I'll find eternal rest.

**Lesson – Philippians 4:13**

I can do everything through him who gives me strength. (Ashley Sasse)

**Hymn – “Do Not Let Your Hearts Be Troubled” (CW 759, stanzas 1&2)**

**♪ Do not let your hearts be troubled; have faith in God and faith in Me.  
I will go forth to prepare a place for you; then I'll come back to take you with Me,  
That where I am, you may also be.**

**In God's house there are many places for you alone to dwell in safety.  
You know the way to where I'll lead you; If you are lost I will show the way.**

**Do not let your hearts be troubled; have faith in God and faith in Me.  
I will go forth to prepare a place for you; then I'll come back to take you with Me,  
That where I am, you may also be.**

**I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life; Only through Me can you know what I know.  
If you knew Me, you would know the Father; If you see Me, you see your God.**

**Do not let your hearts be troubled; have faith in God and faith in Me.  
I will go forth to prepare a place for you; then I'll come back to take you with Me,  
That where I am, you may also be.**

**Lesson – Mark 10:27**

Jesus looked at them and said, “With man this is impossible, but not with God; all things are possible with God.” (Pierce Damrow)

**Hymn – “In Christ Alone” (CWS 752, stanzas 1&4)**

**♪ In Christ alone my hope is found. He is my light, my strength, my song;  
This cornerstone, this solid ground, Firm through the fiercest drought and storm.  
What heights of love, what depths of peace, When fears are stilled, when strivings cease!  
My Comforter, my all in all, Here in the love of Christ I stand.**

**No guilt in life, no fear in death, This is the pow'r of Christ in me;  
From life's first cry to final breath, Jesus commands my destiny.  
No pow'r of hell, no scheme of man Can ever pluck me from His hand;  
Till He returns or calls me home, Here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand.**



## **The Rite of Confirmation**

*The confirmands will come to the front.*

**M** Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ, our Lord Jesus said to His disciples: “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to Me. Therefore, go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.”

In obedience to the Lord’s command, you have been baptized in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. You have been taught the precious truths of the Christian faith as confessed by the Confessional Lutheran Church and the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod. You know what God has given you by His grace and what He expects of you as His dear child. You now have the privilege of receiving the Lord’s body and blood in the Sacrament of Holy Communion.

You are here to make a public profession of your Christian faith. The apostle Paul, writing to the Romans, said: “If you confess with your mouth, ‘Jesus is Lord’ and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you confess and are saved. Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.”

Therefore, lift up your hearts to the God of all grace and joyfully answer these questions:

**M** Do you this day, in the presence of God and of this congregation, acknowledge that in Baptism, God gave you the forgiveness of sins, new life, and salvation? If so, answer: I do.

**R** I do.

**M** Do you reject the devil along with all his lies and empty promises? If so, answer: I do.

**R** I do.

**M** Do you believe in God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit? If so, recite the Apostles' Creed:

**R** 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.

**M** Do you believe all the books of the Bible to be the inspired Word of God? If so, answer: I do.

**R** I do.

**M** Do you believe that the teaching of the Confessional Lutheran Church and the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod, as you have learned to know it from Luther's Small Catechism, is faithful and true to the Word of God? If so, answer: I do.

**R** I do.

**M** Do you intend to continue steadfast in this teaching and to endure all things, even death, rather than fall away from it? If so, answer: I do, and I ask God to help me.

**R** I do, and I ask God to help me.

**M** Do you intend faithfully to conform all your life to the teachings of God's Word, to be faithful in the use of the Word and Sacrament, and in faith and action remain true to God – Father, Son, and Holy Spirit – as long as you live? If so, answer: I do, and I ask God to help me.

**R** I do, and I ask God to help me.

*The congregation is asked to stand.*

**M** Since it is God alone who enables us both to will and to do His good pleasure, it is right for us, dear friends in Christ, to call on Him for these confirmands, that He would graciously complete the good work which He has begun in them. Let us, therefore, bow our heads and pray.

### Prayer

**M** Almighty God, in Baptism You made these confirmands members of the body of Your dear Son, Jesus Christ. You washed them by His blood, buried them with Him in His death, and gave them a new life in His resurrection. Renew them by the Holy Spirit, which You have poured out on them generously through Jesus Christ our Savior. Let them live out their lives as heirs of eternal life. Lead them to serve Your Church in holiness and righteousness all their days. Keep them in fellowship with all who wait for the return of our Savior Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

### Lord's Prayer

**All** 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 congregation is seated and the confirmands come forward and kneel individually. The minister lays his hand on the head of each one and speaks the Scripture passage. Upon standing, the confirmand is greeted with a handshake as a sign of fellowship.*

### **M Addison Amelia Paxton**

<sup>25</sup>Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in me will live, even though he dies; <sup>26</sup>and whoever lives and believes in me will never die."

John 11:25-26a

Addison, may the God of peace, who through the blood of the eternal covenant brought back from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great Shepherd of the sheep, equip you with everything good for doing His will, and may He work in you what is pleasing to Him.

### **M Pierce Jacob Damrow**

<sup>27</sup>Jesus looked at them and said, "With man this is impossible, but not with God; all things are possible with God."

Mark 10:27

Pierce, may you continue to live in the Lord Jesus Christ, rooted and built up in Him, strengthened in the faith as you were taught, and overflowing with thankfulness.

**M Ashley Marie Sasse**

<sup>13</sup>I can do everything through him who gives me strength.  
Philippians 4:13

Ashley, may the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in Him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

**M Mikhaela Marie Bergmeier**

"<sup>9</sup>Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be terrified; do not be discouraged, for the LORD your God will be with you wherever you go."  
Joshua 1:9

Mikhaela, may God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, give you His Holy Spirit, the Spirit of wisdom and knowledge, of grace and prayer, of power and strength, of sanctification and the fear of God.

**M Alex Carter Paxton**

<sup>16</sup>I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God  
for the salvation of everyone who believes.  
Romans 1:16a

Alex, may the God of all grace, who called you to His eternal glory in Christ, restore you and make you strong, firm and steadfast.

**M Rebecca Hope Hueske**

"<sup>11</sup>For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you,  
plans to give you hope and a future."  
Jeremiah 29:11

Rebecca, may the Father in heaven, for Jesus' sake, renew and increase in you the gift of the Holy Spirit, to the strengthening of your faith, to your growth in grace, to your patience in suffering, and to the blessed hope of eternal life.

**Recitation of Psalm 23**

<sup>1</sup>The LORD is my shepherd, I shall not be in want.

<sup>2</sup>He makes me lie down in green pastures, He leads me beside quiet waters,

<sup>3</sup>He restores my soul. He guides me in paths of righteousness for His name's sake.

<sup>4</sup>Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for You are with me; Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me.

<sup>5</sup>You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies. You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

<sup>6</sup>Surely goodness and love will follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.

**Class Hymn “Abide with Me” (CW 588)**

(Stanza 1 – confirmands, stanzas 2-5 – congregation, stanza 6 – confirmands and immediate family will stand and sing together, stanza 7 – entire congregation will stand)

Abide with me; fast falls the eventide.  
The darkness deepens; Lord, with me abide.  
When other helpers fail and comforts flee,  
Help of the helpless, oh, abide with me!

Swift to its close ebbs out life's little day;  
Earth's joys grow dim; its glories pass away.  
Change and decay in all around I see;  
O Thou who changest not, abide with me!

Come not in terrors, as the King of kings,  
But kind and good, with healing in Thy wings,  
Tears for all woes, a heart for ev'ry plea;  
Come, Friend of sinners, thus abide with me.

Thou on my head in early youth didst smile,  
And though rebellious and perverse meanwhile,  
Thou hast not left me oft as I left Thee.  
On to the close, O Lord, abide with me.

I need Thy presence ev'ry passing hour.  
What but Thy grace can foil the tempter's pow'r?  
Who like Thyself my guide and stay can be?  
Through cloud and sunshine, oh, abide with me!

*(Confirmands and their immediate family of the confirmands will stand to sing the following stanza)*

I fear no foe with Thee at hand to bless;  
Ills have no weight and tears no bitterness.  
Where is death's sting? Where, grave, thy victory?  
I triumph still if Thou abide with me.

*(The entire congregation stands to sing the final stanza)*

Hold thou Thy cross before my closing eyes;  
Shine through the gloom and point me to the skies.  
Heav'n's morning breaks, and earth's vain shadows flee;  
In life, in death, O Lord, abide with me!

## **Prayer**

**M** Lord God, heavenly Father, we thank and praise You for Your great goodness in bringing these sons and daughters of Yours to the knowledge of Your Son, Jesus Christ, and in giving them both hearts to believe and mouths to confess His saving name. Enable them to bring forth the fruits of faith and to continue steadfast and victorious until the day comes when all who have fought the good fight of faith shall receive the crown of righteousness, through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

## **Blessing**

**M** 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** Amen.

*Please remain standing for our closing hymn*

**Closing Hymn** – “Go, My Children, with My Blessing” (CW 332) – see p. 12 of the service folder

*At the beginning of the fourth stanza, the confirmands will exit and form a greeting line outside of church.*



### **Thank you for serving us this morning:**

- †** Cari Schroeder for using her God-given gifts on the organ,
- †** Becky Briney, the K-8 Children’s Choir, and Men’s Trio
- †** Carter Holtmeier and Caleb Kosmos for serving as the teen ushers,
- †** Ethan & Rachel Schroeder for serving as greeters,
- †** Andrea Weichel and Steph Wehrman for supervising childcare,
- †** Craig Scheele and Nathan Schwab for serving in the broadcast room,
- †** and the family of Aleatha Gronemeyer for sponsoring our broadcast this morning out of thankfulness for all the blessing Aleatha has enjoyed throughout her life. Aleatha celebrated her 89<sup>th</sup> birthday April 24<sup>th</sup>.

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## Go, My Children, with My Blessing

F                    Bb                    Gm                    C                    Bb                    C7                    F

1 Go, my chil - dren, with my bless - ing, Nev - er a - lone.  
 2 Go, my chil - dren, sins for - giv - en, At peace and pure.  
 3 Go, my chil - dren, fed and nour-ished, Clos - er to me;  
 4 I the Lord will bless and keep you And give you peace;

F                    Bb                    Gm                    C                    Bb                    C7                    F

Wak - ing, sleep - ing, I am with you; You are my own.  
 Here you learned how much I love you, What I can cure.  
 Grow in love and love by serv - ing, Joy - ful and free.  
 I the Lord will smile up - on you And give you peace;

Bb                    F                    Bb                    Dm                    Gm                    Dm                    Gm

In my love's bap - tis - mal riv - er I have made you mine for -  
 Here you heard my dear Son's sto - ry; Here you touched him, saw his  
 Here my Spir - it's pow - er filled you; Here his ten - der com - fort  
 I the Lord will be your Fa - ther, Sav - ior, Com - fort - er, and

C                    F                    Bb                    Gm                    C                    Bb                    C7                    F

ev - er. Go, my chil-dren, with my bless - ing — You are my own.  
 glo - ry. Go, my chil-dren, sins for - giv - en, At peace and pure.  
 stilled you. Go, my chil-dren, fed and nour-ished, Joy - ful and free.  
 Broth - er. Go, my chil-dren; I will keep you And give you peace.

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## St. Paul's Church Family

### BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

**Tuesday** – Sandy Freese

**Wednesday** – Rachel Schroeder, Dennis Scheiding

**Thursday** – Bruce Wollenburg

**Friday** – Andrea Weichel, M/M Brian Scheele

**Saturday** – Johnathan Kerwood

**Sunday** – Bryce Malchow

## Christ Lutheran's Church Family

### BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

None this week

**Organist:** Janice Pieper

**This Week, By God's Grace (May 2<sup>nd</sup> – May 9<sup>th</sup>)**

Today	Worship at Beatrice Bible Class and Sunday School Worship at Plymouth – Confirmation	7:45am 9:00am 10:00am
Monday	Faculty Meeting DMB Pulse Meeting	7:15am Noon
Tuesday	Faculty Devotion LES Catechism	7:15am 8:30am
Wednesday	School Chapel	8:30am
Thursday	Faculty Devotion LES Catechism Board of Education	7:15am 8:30am 6:30pm
Friday	Beatrice Track Meet (Grades K-3)	
Saturday	NELHS Track Meet (Grades 3-8)	
Sunday	Worship with Communion at Beatrice Bible Class and Sunday School Worship with Communion at Plymouth (Greeters: Neil & Beckie Bekemeyer) (Childcare: Stacey Freese, Dianne Weishahn)	7:45am 9:00am 10:00am

### In Our Prayers

- † **Joan Hummel**—We have a prayer of thanksgiving for our dear sister as the Lord continues to bless her recovery at the Heritage Care Center.
- † **Stan Hilgendorf**—Stan, Tracie Hueske's father, was hospitalized with a heart condition last week and is now at home.

### Graduations

- ❖ If you have a son or daughter **graduating from college** this spring and would like his/her name included in the May 9<sup>th</sup> bulletin, please contact Deb ([deb@stpaulsplymouth.org](mailto:deb@stpaulsplymouth.org)/402-656-3003) by May 5<sup>th</sup>. Along with the graduate's name, please include the name of the school attended, the degree, and the field of study.
- ❖ If you have a son or daughter **graduating from high school** this spring and would like his/her picture included in the May 9<sup>th</sup> bulletin, please send/email a picture to Deb ([deb@stpaulsplymouth.org](mailto:deb@stpaulsplymouth.org)) by May 5<sup>th</sup>. Along with the graduate's name, please include their plans for after high school.



**SON Ministry**—Anyone interested in learning more about the SON Ministry is asked to sign the sheet on the table in the front entrance.

**3 on 3 BB Tournament**—NELHS will be hosting a 3 on 3 basketball tournament on Saturday, May 29<sup>th</sup>. Registration forms and additional information is available on the table in the front entrance.

**VBS Week**—St. Paul's annual summer Vacation Bible School will be held June 1-4. This will only be a four-day program, since that Monday is Memorial Day. Look for more information in the near future.

**WELS Camp Jefferson**—“Christmas in July” is the theme for this year’s Camp Jefferson. The Youth Camp (children entering 3<sup>rd</sup> grade – 8<sup>th</sup> grade) runs July 16<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup>. The Teen Camp (young adults entering high school through age 19) runs July 18<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup>. Volunteers are also needed for kitchen help, camp counselors, activities, etc. Registration opens Monday, May 24<sup>th</sup>, and closes Sunday, June 27<sup>th</sup>. Watch for additional information in the upcoming weeks.

**Greeting Schedule**—The St. Paul's summer greeting schedule will be compiled soon. If you have not served as a greeter in the past but would like to do so, or if you have served by are now unable to do so, please contact the church office. Thank you!

**Flowers**—Anyone wanting to share garden flowers for floral arrangements on the Christ Lutheran altar is asked to contact Janice Pieper. Thank you!

**Storage Room Cleaning**—At 9:00am on Saturday, May 15<sup>th</sup>, the basement storage room at Christ Lutheran will be cleaned and organized. Any help would be greatly appreciated!

**St. Paul's Softball Tournament**—The date for this year’s softball tournament has been set for the afternoon of Sunday, July 11<sup>th</sup>. More information and a sign-up sheet will follow in the future.



## SUMMER SPORTS AT NELHS



Basketball Camp June 8th - June 9th

Place: Nebraska Lutheran Waco, NE

Grades: Boys and Girls entering 5th-9th grade

\$65 On-Campus Rate (includes 5 meals, lodging, and awards)

\$50 Commuter Rate (includes 5 meals and awards) Please send in your registration and payment no later than Friday, May 21st.

Volleyball Camp Dates: July 5th - 6th (NO DORM STAY for THIS ONE)

Place: Nebraska Lutheran Waco, NE

Grades: Girls entering 5th-9th grade

\$25 Rate (includes 2 lunch meals, awards, and t-shirt) Please send in your registration and payment no later than Friday, May 21st.

**Registration forms are available on the table in the front entrance of church.**

### **Quarterly Meeting Highlights April 25, 2021 - 11:15 a.m.**

1. Opening Prayer by Pastor Dauck
2. Secretary's Minutes from the Annual meeting were in Quarterly Report and approved as presented
3. Treasurer's Report
  - Sidewalk project came in around \$1600.
  - Report stands approved as found in quarterly report
4. Elders
  - Membership Changes
    - Shay Jiskra, Stephanie Ebke (Oliver and Clara), Aaron and Chrissy Niederklein (Timber and Ayker), Kris Zeilinger (Layla and Charlie), Amanda Freese, and Eugene and Jody Kisling were all accepted as new communicant members.
    - Transfers from Church Militant to Church Triumphant since the annual meeting
      - Eugene Busch, Eugene Paneitz, Edwin Schneider
    - Baptisms since the annual meeting

- McCoy Vossler, Dawson Beffa
5. Board of Education
    - Principal's Report
      - Thankful for numerous events held at school through this tough year of shortages/COVID restrictions.
    - Principal Release –one year Call was extended to Mrs. Heather Malchow
  6. Trustees
    - Insurance Policies Reviewed
      - May need more insurance for the building and contents of the building
      - Looking at getting quotes to increase insurance
      - Trustees will look into replacement costs
    - Rope for bells were replaced
    - Possible Memorial List Item to be purchased – Quote for sprinklers south side of school by sign
      - \$2810 was the initial quote from Superior Water
      - Waiting to hear back on additional quotes
    - Building Fund Projects for 2021
      - ~~New sidewalk south of school (\$1,500 if we do ourselves)~~
      - Repair rotting wood on west steeple (\$4,500)
      - New northeast door with keypad to match northwest door (\$1,900)
  7. Stewardship Committee Report
    - Pastor Dauck is going to meet with the Stewardship Committee soon
    - New Member welcome (see new members above) will be planned soon after worship on a Sunday
  8. Broadcast Committee Report was given
  9. Endowment Committee Report was given
  10. Cemetery Committee Report
    - 1 bid for mowing so far
  11. NELHS Report
    - Call Accepted: Our newest teacher, Hannah Zabel, will be coming this summer and joining the NELHS Family. Also, Pastor Andrew Frey has accepted the Call to serve as NELHS campus pastor!
    - NELHS Investor Program: Check out [www.nelhs.org/investor](http://www.nelhs.org/investor) for

information and a video overview.

- NELHS family to offer a prayer a day for NELHS and offer \$1 a day for our current and future students. (signing up for automatic donations of \$30/month or more). We currently have 18 investors at \$821/month which equals \$9852 per year. We hope our students can count on you to join!
  - Other support avenues: This Is Our School, Fill the Bins, Other properties donations(stocks, etc.), Meal Program, Amazon Smile, and SCRIP - [www.shopwithscrip.com](http://www.shopwithscrip.com) and use the enrollment code 416153A257993
  - Congregational Highlight: St. Paul's was recently highlighted in the latest news and notes from Nebraska Lutheran.
  - Upcoming Dates:
    - May 15 - Graduation at 10:00am
    - May 29 - 3 on 3 Basketball Tournament- at NELHS- watch for more information
    - June - Grade school 5-day Basketball Camp
    - July 31 - Golf Outing - at Crooked Creek Golf Club in Lincoln
12. Pastor Berger's and Pastor Dauck's Report
- Bible Instruction Classes – continuing to work on finishing up those who were in group classes in 2020 and meeting with some new faces as well!
  - SON Ministry!
    - Sign-up sheet is on the back table
  - Confirmation Sunday – May 2<sup>nd</sup> – Alex Paxton, Addison Paxton, Pierce Damrow, Mikhaela Bergmeier, Ashley Sasse, Rebecca Hueske
  - District Mission Board –
    - Currently Overseeing: The Vine Lutheran in Joplin, MO; Grace Hmong in Kansas City; Shepherd of Peace in Norfolk; Living Savior in Blair;
    - Possible Future starts as WELS looks to start 100 churches in 10 years: 2<sup>nd</sup> site in Wichita, 4<sup>th</sup> site in Kansas City, 3<sup>rd</sup> site in Lincoln, 4<sup>th</sup>site in Omaha
  - Marriage Maintenance 3-week study
  - One by One Bible Study in Beatrice – 6-week
  - Future Weddings – July 10<sup>th</sup> Grant and Taylor Freese Reaffirmation of Vows
  - Pastor Berger has been asked to preside at the NELHS graduation on Saturday, May 15<sup>th</sup>
  - St. Paul's Softball Tournament has been scheduled for July 11<sup>th</sup> after church
  - St. Paul's Golf Outing has been scheduled for August 29<sup>th</sup> at Hidden Acres

### 13. Other Business

- Designate Council Recommendation of Church Endowment Interest from 2020 for updating church office computers and technology in 2022
- Council Proposal to allow Council in the future to get assistance for the payroll from an outside source (three estimates have come in around \$1,000 per year for this service).
  - Question was raised if we needed to wait since it is not in the budget for this year.
  - Motion was made to allow Council in the future to get assistance for payroll from an outside source.
  - Motion carried
- Planning Committee – The council is recommending the chairman to appoint a planning committee
  - Establish future goals for the planning and caring of the church
  - Motion was made to adjourn meeting at 11:59 a.m.

### 14. Closed with singing of the Doxology

If you would like more information about St. Paul's Lutheran Church, feel free to speak with Pastor Fred Berger ([pastorberger@gmail.com](mailto:pastorberger@gmail.com); call/text 402-239-4509) or Pastor Justin Dauck ([justin.dauck@gmail.com](mailto:justin.dauck@gmail.com); call/text 402-806-9082) after the service or anytime during the week! If you think you might be interested in joining the St. Paul's church family, either 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](mailto: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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