



Sola Scriptura
Sola Gratia
Sola Fide

The Festival of the Reformation
November 4th, 2018

Welcome

THANK YOU for joining us for worship today!

In our service we gather before our almighty God to offer Him our worship and praise. We also gather to be strengthened through the study of God's holy and powerful Word. Please take a moment to sign our guest register in the front entrance of the church.

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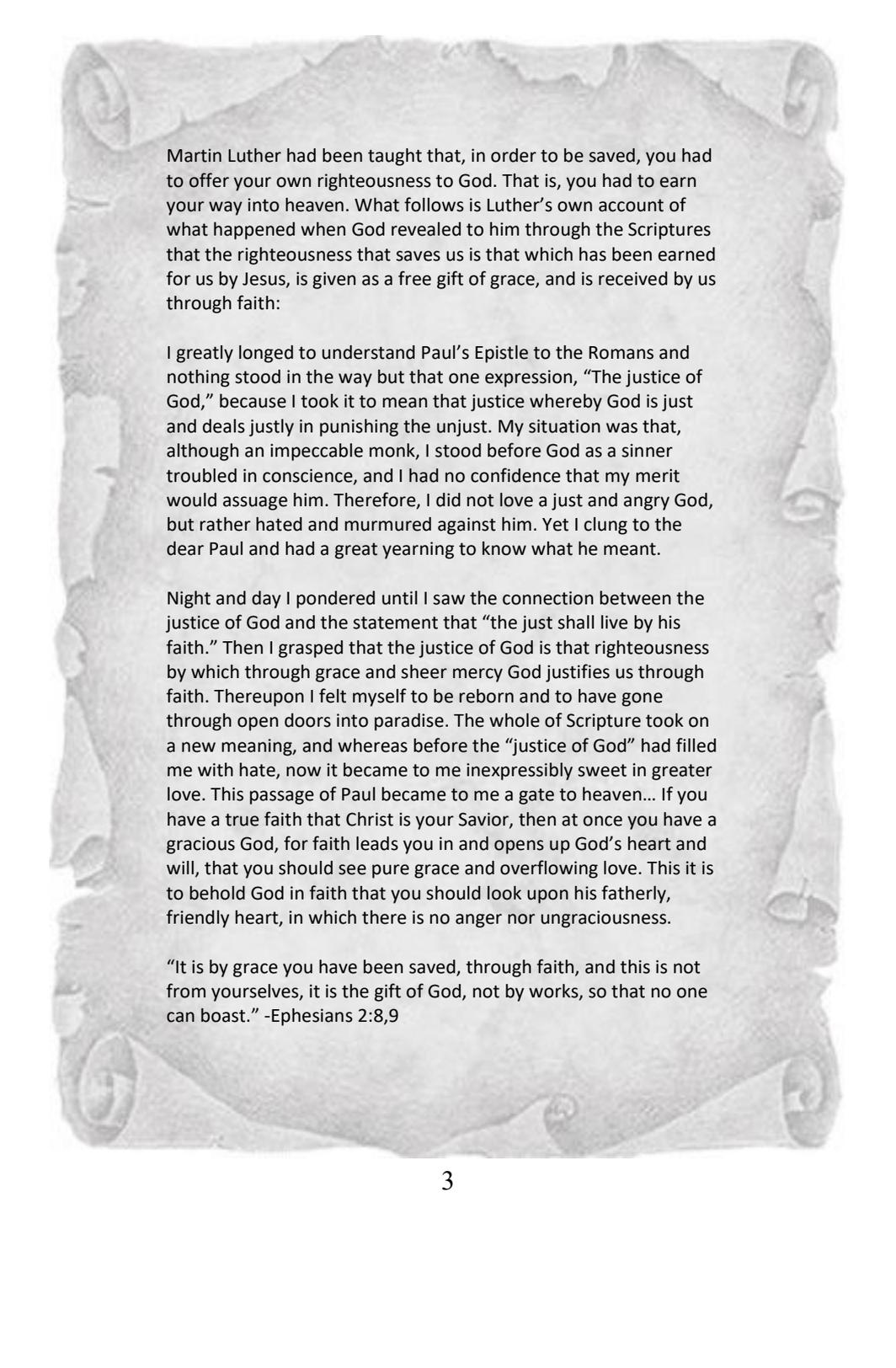
Our broadcast today is sponsored by an anonymous donor in thankfulness to the Lord for all the blessings shown to Delores Busch over the past 88 years. Delores was born November 4, 1930.

Focus for Our Worship

During the dark days of the Middle Ages, the truth of God's Word became hidden. The church of that day was not teaching that we are saved by Jesus' death and resurrection.

Instead, people were told that they needed to try and earn their way to heaven, even, that they had to buy their way to heaven. The truth of God's Word was being placed into the background, and the traditions of men put in its place. God used Dr. Martin Luther, a catholic monk and professor, to change all that on October 31, 1517, when Luther nailed 95 Theses on the door of the Castle Church in Wittenberg. He said that the Bible should be our only source of teaching, not man-made traditions. He showed that God saved us by grace alone, and that grace comes to us through faith.

Today, we continue to profess the same truths as the true Christian church all throughout the ages, the truths that the Reformation again focused the church on: By Scripture alone, By Grace alone, By Faith alone. To God be the glory for revealing these eternally life changing truths to us. Our Reformation prayer: Lord, keep us steadfast in Your Word. Amen.



Martin Luther had been taught that, in order to be saved, you had to offer your own righteousness to God. That is, you had to earn your way into heaven. What follows is Luther's own account of what happened when God revealed to him through the Scriptures that the righteousness that saves us is that which has been earned for us by Jesus, is given as a free gift of grace, and is received by us through faith:

I greatly longed to understand Paul's Epistle to the Romans and nothing stood in the way but that one expression, "The justice of God," because I took it to mean that justice whereby God is just and deals justly in punishing the unjust. My situation was that, although an impeccable monk, I stood before God as a sinner troubled in conscience, and I had no confidence that my merit would assuage him. Therefore, I did not love a just and angry God, but rather hated and murmured against him. Yet I clung to the dear Paul and had a great yearning to know what he meant.

Night and day I pondered until I saw the connection between the justice of God and the statement that "the just shall live by his faith." Then I grasped that the justice of God is that righteousness by which through grace and sheer mercy God justifies us through faith. Thereupon I felt myself to be reborn and to have gone through open doors into paradise. The whole of Scripture took on a new meaning, and whereas before the "justice of God" had filled me with hate, now it became to me inexpressibly sweet in greater love. This passage of Paul became to me a gate to heaven... If you have a true faith that Christ is your Savior, then at once you have a gracious God, for faith leads you in and opens up God's heart and will, that you should see pure grace and overflowing love. This it is to behold God in faith that you should look upon his fatherly, friendly heart, in which there is no anger nor ungraciousness.

"It is by grace you have been saved, through faith, and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God, not by works, so that no one can boast." -Ephesians 2:8,9

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St. Paul's School Choir "O Church Arise" by Keith Getty & Stuart Townsend

Choir O Church arise and put your armor on, hear the call of Christ our captain.
For now the weak can say that they are strong, in the strength that God has given.
With shield of faith and belt of truth, we'll stand against the devil's lies;
An army bold, whose battle cry is love, reaching out to those in darkness.

Choir Rise up o Church of God! Be done with lesser things,
Give heart and mind and soul and strength to serve the King of kings.

(a tempo)

C Come see the cross, where love and mercy meet, as the Son of God is stricken
Then see His foes lie crushed beneath His feet, for the conqueror is risen!
And as the stone is rolled away and Christ emerges from the grave
This vict'ry march continues till the day every eye and heart shall see Him.

Choir Lift the high the cross of Christ! Tread where His feet have trod!
As followers of the Son of Man Rise up o Church of God.
Rise up o mighty Church arise!

Please Stand

P In the name of the Father, and of the Son (†), and of the Holy Spirit.
C Amen (spoken).

OPENING HYMN—A Mighty Fortress Is Our God (CW 201, stanza 1 & 2)

**A mighty fortress is our God, A trusty shield and weapon;
He helps us free from ev'ry need That has us now o'ertaken.
The old evil foe Now means deadly woe;
Deep guile and great might Are his dread arms in fight;
On earth is not his equal.**

**With might of ours can naught be done; Soon were our loss effected.
But for us fights the valiant one Whom God himself elected.
You ask, 'Who is this?' Jesus Christ it is,
The almighty Lord. And there's no other God;
He holds the field forever.**

A dialogue from Psalm 46.

- P** God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble.
- C** **Therefore we will not fear, though the earth give way and the mountains fall into the heart of the sea,**
- P** though its waters roar and foam and the mountains quake with their surging.
- C** **There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy place where the Most High dwells.**
- P** God is within her, she will not fall; God will help her at break of day.
- C** **Nations are in uproar, kingdoms fall; He lifts his voice, the earth melts.**
- P** The LORD Almighty is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress.
- C** **Come and see the works of the LORD, the desolations He has brought on the earth.**
- P** He makes wars cease to the ends of the earth; He breaks the bow and shatters the spear, He burns the shields with fire.
- C** **“Be still, and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth.”**
- All** **The LORD Almighty is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress.**

CONFESSION

- P** 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*)
- P** Yet, so often we have despised God’s Word and failed to gladly hear and learn it. For this and all our sins, we humbly confess before God as David confessed in Psalm 51:
- All** **Have mercy on me, O God, according to Your unfailing love; according to Your great compassion, blot out my transgressions. Against You, You only have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight. Wash away all my iniquity and cleanse me from my sin. For I know my transgressions and my sins are always before me.**

ABSOLUTION

- P** 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, I have the wonderful privilege of assuring you that as far as the east is from the west, so far has the Lord removed our transgressions from us.

C Thanks be to God! To Him alone be all glory and praise! Amen.

P In the peace of this forgiveness assured us in the Holy Word, let us sing:
(CW 201, stanzas 3 & 4)

**Though devils all the world should fill, All eager to devour us,
We tremble not, we fear no ill; They shall not overpower us.
This world's prince may still Scowl fierce as he will,
He can harm us none. he's judged; the deed is done!
One little word can fell him.**

**The Word they still shall let remain, Nor any thanks have for it;
He's by our side upon the plain With His good gifts and Spirit.
And do what they will— Hate, steal, hurt or kill—
Though all may be gone, Our victory is won;
The kingdom's ours forever!**

P Let us pray:
Gracious Lord, our refuge and strength, pour out Your Holy Spirit on Your faithful people. Keep us steadfast in Your Word, protect and comfort us in all temptations, defend us against all our enemies, and bestow on the Church Your saving peace; through Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Please Be Seated



By Scripture Alone

DEVOTION.....Luke 16:19-31

¹⁹ “There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and lived in luxury every day. ²⁰ At his gate was laid a beggar named Lazarus, covered with sores ²¹ and longing to eat what fell from the rich man’s table. Even the dogs came and licked his sores.

²² “The time came when the beggar died and the angels carried him to Abraham’s side. The rich man also died and was buried. ²³ In hell, where he was in torment, he looked up and saw Abraham far away, with Lazarus by his side. ²⁴ So he called to him, ‘Father Abraham, have pity on me and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue, because I am in agony in this fire.’

²⁵ “But Abraham replied, ‘Son, remember that in your lifetime you received your good things, while Lazarus received bad things, but now he is comforted here and you are in agony. ²⁶ And besides all this, between us and you a great chasm has been fixed, so that those who want to go from here to you cannot, nor can anyone cross over from there to us.’

²⁷ “He answered, ‘Then I beg you, father, send Lazarus to my father’s house, ²⁸ for I have five brothers. Let him warn them, so that they will not also come to this place of torment.’

²⁹ “Abraham replied, ‘They have Moses and the Prophets; let them listen to them.’

³⁰ “ ‘No, father Abraham,’ he said, ‘but if someone from the dead goes to them, they will repent.’

³¹ “He said to him, ‘If they do not listen to Moses and the Prophets, they will not be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.’ ”

HYMN - Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word (CW 203)

By Grace Alone

DEVOTION.....Jonah 2:1-9

From inside the fish Jonah prayed to the LORD his God. ² He said:

“In my distress I called to the LORD, and he answered me. From the depths of the grave I called for help, and you listened to my cry. ³ You hurled me into the deep, into the very heart of the seas, and the currents swirled about me; all your waves and breakers swept over me.

⁴ I said, ‘I have been banished from your sight; yet I will look again toward your holy temple.’ ⁵ The engulfing waters threatened me, the deep surrounded me; seaweed was wrapped around my head. ⁶ To the roots of the mountains I sank down; the earth beneath barred me in forever. But you brought my life up from the pit, O LORD my God. ⁷ “When my life was ebbing away, I remembered you, LORD, and my prayer rose to you, to your holy temple.

⁸ “Those who cling to worthless idols forfeit the grace that could be theirs. ⁹ But I, with a song of thanksgiving, will sacrifice to you. What I have vowed I will make good. Salvation comes from the LORD.”

HYMN - Amazing Grace (CW 379)

By Faith Alone

DEVOTION.....Romans 4:18-25

¹⁸ Against all hope, Abraham in hope believed and so became the father of many nations, just as it had been said to him, “So shall your offspring be.” ¹⁹ Without weakening in his faith, he faced the fact that his body was as good as dead—since he was about a hundred years old—and that Sarah’s womb was also dead. ²⁰ Yet he did not waver through unbelief regarding the promise of God, but was strengthened in his faith and gave glory to God, ²¹ being fully persuaded that God had power to do what he had promised. ²² This is why “it

was credited to him as righteousness.”²³ The words “it was credited to him” were written not for him alone,²⁴ but also for us, to whom God will credit righteousness—for us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead.²⁵ He was delivered over to death for our sins and was raised to life for our justification.

HYMN - Faith Is a Living Power from Heaven (CW 404)

Please Stand

NICENE CREED

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary, and became fully human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate. He suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Please Be Seated

OFFERING

Please Stand

A REFORMATION PRAYER

- P** Lord, our refuge and strength, we gather to worship and praise You for Your work of reforming Your church, driving her back to grace, faith, and Scripture.
- G** **Lord, to You alone be glory.**
- P** God of grace, in love You sent Your Son as our substitute to deliver us from sin, guilt, death, darkness, and despair.
- G** **For Your grace, Lord, to You alone be glory.**
- P** By Your grace You sent Your Spirit to call us to repentance. Your powerful gospel rescued us from rebellion and fills us with faith in You, the true God.
- G** **For Your saving faith, Lord, to You alone be glory.**
- P** By Your grace we are heirs of Your eternal Word and trustees of the inspired Scriptures, through which You proclaim Your saving truth to every generation.
- G** **For the Holy Scriptures, Lord, to You alone be glory.**
- P** In these last days, Lord, protect Your little flock. We are like sheep living among fierce wolves. Satan stalks us like a roaring lion. Defend us from false teachers who twist Your Word to satisfy the latest longing.
- G** **For wisdom and watchfulness under attack, hear our prayer, O Lord.**
- P** Never in the history of the world has Your Holy Word been so accessible. We lack only the zeal to treasure Your restored truth with lives of faithful Bible study.
- G** **For the noble character to search the Scriptures daily, hear our prayer, O Lord.**

Special prayers and intercessions may follow

- P** Hear us, Lord, as we bring You our private petitions.

A time for silent prayer

- P** In thanksgiving for the many and amazing blessings restored to Your Church through the Reformation, we now commit ourselves to Your care.
- G** **Be our mighty fortress, our trusty shield and weapon, O Lord. Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

AI **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.**

Please Be Seated

HYMN - "Sola, Sola, Sola"

Text: Douglas McC.L. Judisch; Melody: "Lasst Uns Erfreuen" (CW 250)

**The gospel pure of Jesus Christ
is now unto His church restored.**

Alleluia! Alleluia!

**God justifies us, Scripture says,
by grace through faith in Christ the Lord.
Solely Scripture! Solely by grace!
Solely through faith!
Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**By grace alone salvation sure
unto our fallen race has come.**

Alleluia! Alleluia!

**Christ has atoned for all our sins
and struck the conquered demons dumb.
Solely Scripture! Solely by grace!
Solely through faith!
Alleluia! Alleluia!**

Through faith alone in Jesus Christ
God counts us righteous once again.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
We could do nothing for ourselves;
Christ is the only hope for men.
Solely Scripture! Solely by grace!
Solely through faith!
Alleluia! Alleluia!

His Scripture is alone the way
to know the grace of God is sure.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
For all its words are words of God
and clearly teach His doctrine pure.
Solely Scripture! Solely by grace!
Solely through faith!
Alleluia! Alleluia!

So to the Father and the Son
and Holy Spirit now we sing:
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Unto our triply gracious God
shall we forever praises bring:
Solely Scripture! Solely by grace!
Solely through faith!
Alleluia! Alleluia!

PRAYER

P Blessed Lord, who hast caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning, grant that we may in such wise hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that by patience and comfort of Thy holy Word we may embrace, and ever hold fast, the blessed hope of everlasting life, which Thou hast given us in our Savior Jesus Christ, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end.

C Amen.

- P** 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.
- G** Amen.

CLOSING HYMN – “God’s Word Is Our Great Heritage” (CW 293)



NOTES AND NEWS

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Broadcast Announcers: Nathan Schwab, Craig Scheele

LET US ENCOURAGE ONE ANOTHER (HEBREWS 10:25)

221 were present to receive God’s grace in worship: Sunday-210; Monday-11.
In addition, **27** computers logged on for the live broadcast.

116 were present to learn God’s Word in Bible Study: Sunday School–42;
Bible Class–65; Ladies Aid–9

This Week, By God's Grace (November 4th – Nov. 11th)

Today	Sunday School, Bible Class	9:00am
	Worship	10:00am
Monday	Faculty Meeting	7:15am
	Circuit Meeting, Mt. Olive, Lincoln	9:00am
	Junior Choir Rehearsal	3:50-5:00pm
Tuesday	Faculty Devotion	7:15am
	School Chapel	8:30am
	LES Catechism	9:00am
	Junior Choir Rehearsal	3:50-5:00pm
Wednesday	PSI Class	6:00-7:30pm
	Quarterly PTO Meeting	6:30pm
Thursday	Faculty Devotion	7:15am
	LES Catechism	8:30am
	Junior Choir Rehearsal	3:50-5:00pm
Friday	Junior Choir	3:50-4:20pm
Sunday	Sunday School, Bible Class	9:00am
	Worship-Communion	10:00am
	Food Drive (November 11-25)	
	(Greeters: Vickie Christ, Becky Briney) (Childcare: Barb Freese, Patti Schwab)	

Our Church Family

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

Today – Glenn Bekemeyer, Delores Busch

Monday – Christa Holtmeier, M/M Dave Upchurch

Tuesday – Dan Meints **Wednesday** – Faith Jurgens, M/M Brian Weishahn

Friday – Megan Scheele, Barry Weichel, M/M Chad Weichel

Saturday – Zachary Strein **Sunday** – Gayle Bekemeyer, Mallory Schwab

New Member Reception—Wednesday morning, in a private service at his home, Ernie McBride, having been baptized and instructed in the Word of God, was confirmed and received as a communicant member here at St. Paul's. We will be serving Ernie as a shut-in and pray that the Lord will continue to nourish and strengthen Ernie's faith through His Word and the reception of the Lord's Supper. If you would like to send him a card or note, his address is as follows: PO Box 346, Plymouth, NE 68424.

In Our Prayers

Bill Jurgens—Bill has been hospitalized this week at Beatrice Community hospital
Gayle Bekemeyer—Gayle has been hospitalized this week at Washington, KS
County hospital

New Addresses—Recent mailing changes for some of our members include the following:

- Ella Nispel—Good Samaritan Rm. 101, 600 S. 22nd St., Beatrice, NE 68310
- Edwin Schneider—Homestead House Rm. 32, 2300 Lincoln, Beatrice, NE 683310
- Marcia Nispel—The Kensington Apt. 202, 105 N. 6th St., Beatrice, NE 689310



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 in the front entrance. The cost is \$15.00 per plant and the deadline to sign up is November 25th.

Mailbox Usage Reminder—If you would like to use the church mailboxes for personal communication such as Christmas cards or thank you notes, please feel free to do so. If you would like to place mass mailings which are not personalized in the mailboxes, please speak to the elders beforehand. Thank you!



Leaf Raking—The Teens for Christ will be raking leaves throughout our community on Saturday, November 17th. **Snacks and lunch will be provided.** If you are interested in having them come to your residence, please call the church office (402-656-3003).

Scripture Storytelling—On Friday, November 16th, our school children will have an opportunity to hear and see something unique. Daniel Dexter, a staff minister from one of our WELS churches in El Paso, TX, will visit St. Paul's with his "Scripture Storytelling." He memorizes books of the Bible and then shares them word-for-word in what he calls a storytelling style. This isn't a dry recitation nor is it an actor's performance. **Daniel calls it a 'living proclamation' that aims to treat the listeners as participants, giving them a feel of what it may have been like to hear and see the words and works of God through the apostles and prophets.** Daniel states: *"A common encouragement I hear is that this storytelling makes the Bible come alive. But what I love about Scripture Storytelling, and the reason it's so powerful to me also as I share it, is that God's Word IS alive, active*

and dynamic with God's presence and power; I'm just putting that character of God's Word on display in proclamation."

Parents and everyone from the St. Paul's church family, you are welcome to join us for this special event on Friday, November 16th beginning at 8:30 A.M. at church. *"My goal is to put the memory treasures of God's Word on display," Daniel says, "to show children the possibilities with memory work, that it isn't a dull thing, but a dynamic blessing when you're working with God's living and active Word."* Daniel will be sharing *Jonah*, portions of *Luke*, and more. Come and experience the power and drama of God's Word!

Christmas Eve Service 2018—Schedules and forms were sent home today at Sunday School for the Christmas Eve Service. If you did not receive one, there are extra forms on the back table. Please return the form to the church or school office by Sunday, November 18th.

Quarterly Meeting Highlights

Quarterly Voters' Meeting Highlights

Sunday, October 28, 2018

Pastor Berger opened the meeting with prayer.

The Secretary's minutes from the July 15th, 2018 meeting were approved as presented.

Treasurer's Report: Stan Hueske reported the following balances:

Home Fund	\$-33,926.44
Missions	\$22,992.77
Building Fund	\$332.99
NELHS Operating	\$11,320.00
NELHS Debt Ret.	\$7,785.00
Memorial Fund	\$18,155.00

Elders:

- A motion carried to accept Lance Bice, Jamey Krueger, and Jenni Krueger as new communicant members.

Board of Education:

- Mr. Danner gave a recap of his report printed in the Quarterly Report.
- Brian Scheele reported that Fairbury Health and Rehab is willing to sell us a van they will no longer need. It is a 2001 model with 27,000 miles for \$4,000. It is similar to the one owned by Christ Lutheran in Beatrice. After discussion, a motion was made, seconded and passed, to go forward with the purchase of this van. The Board of Ed. agreed to find a way to provide the funding for the van.
- A motion was made and seconded to allow for the removal of a spruce tree east of the Teacherage, to allow for space for an outdoor classroom. Motion carried.

- A discussion was held on uses for the funds raised by the Silent Auction. The Board of Ed. will study this issue further, and report back with recommendations.
- Ethan Schroeder gave the School Fund Treasurer's report.

Trustees:

- Forrest Freese reported that the bell was fixed in the bell tower.
- A leak in a bathroom in the fellowship hall has been repaired.
- The Trustees are working on a list of Building fund projects for next year. Possibilities include, new A/C unit for the church office area, power washing of the church siding, new thermostats, new carpet for the addition, carpet cleaning for the church and new gutters for the Parsonage and Teacherage.

Broadcast Committee:

- Don Wurm gave a recap of the report made in the Quarterly Report.
- Don also reported that the Good Samaritan Center is now re-broadcasting our live broadcast within their facility. An attempt will be made to make this happen in other Extended Care Facilities.

Endowment Committee:

- Voters were referred to the written report and charts.
- It was noted that an anonymous gift of \$53,225.00 has been received, and invested by the Endowment Committee.

NELHS Report:

- It was noted that Pastor Stellick will begin his Ministry at NELHS after the first of the year.

Pastor Berger's Report:

- Pastor Berger noted that a Bible Information Class is being planned for Sunday mornings.
- Pastor encouraged everyone to take a look at the Quarterly Report and come up with a personal daily devotional plan and to share their plan online under the tab "Encourage One Another" on the church's website.
- Thanksgiving Day Service is at 10:00 AM
- The District Mission Board is still Calling for a Pastor to serve Joplin.
- Pastor will take his third allotted week of vacation in November (Mon-Fri). Pastor Kronebush will preach November 11.

Other Business:

- A Committee has been formed to study different options for Health Insurance coverage for our called workers. One of the options, (called plan 3 by the Committee) includes a higher deductible to be funded by a Health Savings Account (HSA). This HSA would be funded jointly by the Insured, and also by the Congregation. Details of the Health Insurance options provided to the Called Workers will be provided to the Voters at the Annual Meeting. A Motion was made and Seconded to offer new Health Insurance options to the Called workers provided by the Insurance Committee. It is to be noted that the Congregation would be committed to picking up the extra cost of plan 3 in the case of a catastrophic health event. Motion carried.
- Nominating Committee (Brian Burger, Pastor Berger, Joel Schroeder, Nathan Schwab, Doug Weishahn, Ethan Schroeder, Brett Scheiding) will need to meet in November to propose a list of candidates to the December council meeting, and then shared with congregation at least 2 weeks prior to the annual meeting. They will meet on Tuesday, November 27th.
- Budget Committee (Brian Burger, Pastor Berger, Joel Schroeder, Nathan Schwab, Brett Scheiding, Stan Hueske, Brian Scheele, Logan Scheele, Doug Weishahn, 2 at-large members) will need to meet at the beginning of December.
- Next Church Council Meeting will be Thursday, November 29th at 8PM.

Meeting closed with the singing of the Doxology.



FOR
unto us
a Child is BORN.
unto us
a SON is GIVEN.

Sing with the Adult Advent/Christmas Choir!

All WELS High School and Adult Singers Welcome!

First, a big thank-you to everyone who joined us for the fall choir song! We had a great turn-out of both previous choir members and new singers, and now we look forward to our next choir opportunity! We will sing a beautiful Advent/Christmas song, "Peace Came to Earth" at the **Sunday morning service on December 23rd**. Please consider joining us this time if you were not able to come in September!

The rehearsal times are:

Nov. 28	7 - 8:00 pm
Dec. 5	7 - 8:00 pm
Dec. 12	7 - 8:00 pm
Dec. 19	7 - 8:00 pm

Please sign-up on the back table! Practice will be in the balcony, and there will be childcare provided in the church basement.

ONE MORE THING

Do you have ideas for including instruments/soloists/small singing groups in worship? If you do, please speak to Cari Schroeder or Pastor Berger and we can work on these opportunities as well!

"The Lord is my strength and my song; he has become my salvation."

Psalm 118:14



THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE



This Thanksgiving our Evangelism Committee is giving us an 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 11th, Sunday, November 18th, Thanksgiving Day, November 22nd, or Sunday, November 25th.
- 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

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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