

✠ **St. Paul's Lutheran Church** ✠
Kenesaw, NE

Pastor Paul S. Duffy

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Guest Organist: Betty Bittfield

Sunday School 9:00am

Acolyte: Paige Morrow

Divine Service 10:00am

"God is pleased when I worship and honor Him with all my heart. Abel's offering (Genesis 4:4) was pleasing and acceptable because he offered it in the fear of God and in faith and because he strove to show his grateful heart by his gift. For when the heart is offered, this is the gift that is very gratifying indeed to God."
-Martin Luther-

Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost
September 6, 2015

Divine Service, Setting Four p. 203

Opening Hymn p. 526 "You Are the Way; through You Alone"

Confession and Absolution p. 203

Psalm 146

Praise the Lord!

Praise the Lord, O my soul!

I will praise the Lord as long as I live;

I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.

Put not your trust in princes,

in a son of man, in whom there is no salvation.

When his breath departs, he returns to the earth;

on that very day his plans perish.

Blessed is he whose help is the God of Jacob,

whose hope is in the Lord his God,

who made heaven and earth,

the sea, and all that is in them,

who keeps faith forever;

who executes justice for the oppressed,

who gives food to the hungry.

The Lord sets the prisoners free;

the Lord opens the eyes of the blind.

The Lord lifts up those who are bowed down;
the Lord loves the righteous.

The Lord watches over the sojourners;
He upholds the widow and the fatherless,
but the way of the wicked He brings to ruin.

The Lord will reign forever,

your God, O Zion, to all generations. Praise the Lord!
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.

Kyrie p. 204

Gloria in Excelsis p. 204

Salutation and Collect of the Day p. 205

Old Testament Isaiah 35:4-7a

Say to those who have an anxious heart, "Be strong; fear not! Behold, your God will come with vengeance, with the recompense of God. He will come and save you." Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped; then shall the lame man leap like a deer, and the tongue of the mute sing for joy. For waters break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert; the burning sand shall become a pool, and the thirsty ground springs of water;

Epistle James 2:1-10, 14-18

My brothers, show no partiality as you hold the faith in our Lord Jesus Christ, the Lord of glory. For if a man wearing a gold ring and fine clothing comes into your assembly, and a poor man in shabby clothing also comes in, and if you pay attention to the one who wears the fine clothing and say, "You sit here in a good place," while you say to the poor man, "You stand over there," or, "Sit down at my feet," have you not then made distinctions among yourselves and become judges with evil thoughts? Listen, my beloved brothers, has not God chosen those who are poor in the world to be rich in faith and heirs of the kingdom, which He has promised to those who love Him? But you have dishonored the poor man. Are not the rich the ones who oppress you, and the ones who drag you into court? Are they not the ones who blaspheme the honorable name by which you were called? If you really fulfill the royal law according to the Scripture, "You shall love

your neighbor as yourself," you are doing well. But if you show partiality, you are committing sin and are convicted by the law as transgressors. For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become accountable for all of it.

What good is it, my brothers, if someone says he has faith but does not have works? Can that faith save him? If a brother or sister is poorly clothed and lacking in daily food, and one of you says to them, "Go in peace, be warmed and filled," without giving them the things needed for the body, what good is that? So also faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead. But someone will say, "You have faith and I have works." Show me your faith apart from your works, and I will show you my faith by my works.

Alleluia and Verse p. 205

Holy Gospel Mark 7:24-37

And from there He (Jesus) arose and went away to the region of Tyre and Sidon. And He entered a house and did not want anyone to know, yet He could not be hidden. But immediately a woman whose little daughter had an unclean spirit heard of Him and came and fell down at His feet. Now the woman was a Gentile, a Syrophenician by birth. And she begged Him to cast the demon out of her daughter. And He said to her, "Let the children be fed first, for it is not right to take the children's bread and throw it to the dogs." But she answered Him, "Yes, Lord; yet even the dogs under the table eat the children's crumbs." And He said to her, "For this statement you may go your way; the demon has left your daughter." And she went home and found the child lying in bed and the demon gone.

Then He returned from the region of Tyre and went through Sidon to the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis. And they brought to Him a man who was deaf and had a speech impediment, and they begged Him to lay His hand on him. And taking him aside from the crowd privately, He put His fingers into his ears, and after spitting touched his tongue. And looking up to heaven, He sighed and said to him, "Ephphatha," that is, "Be opened." And his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly. And Jesus charged them to tell no one. But the more He charged them, the more zealously they proclaimed it. And they were astonished beyond measure, saying, "He has done all things well. He even makes the deaf hear and the mute speak."

Nicene Creed p. 206

Hymn of the Day p. 797 "Praise the Almighty"

Sermon "Pools and Springs" (Isaiah 35:7) -3-

Prayer of the Church

Offering and Musical Offering

† Service of the Sacrament p. 208 †

Parents are welcome to bring their children to the altar for a blessing

Communion Hymn p. 560 "Drawn to the Cross"

Nunc Dimitis Song of Simeon p. 211

Post Communion Collect p. 212

Benedicamus and Benediction p. 212

Closing Hymn p. 575 "My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less"



St. Paul's Mission Calendar

Today † 9:00 AM Divine Worship
Fellowship Coffee following
NPH Book Fair

Wed. 10 AM-2 PM OGT Sort & Pack Day
8:00 PM Fellowship League

Tues. - Thurs. Preschool

Fellowship Coffees End Today: The Board of Evangelism Stewardship will be providing goodies at the fellowship coffee today. Donations will be used to purchase new books and DVDs for the church library. Let us know if there is something special on your wish list for the library. Thanks for your input!

Do you have a special place in your heart for God's little ones?
Do you feel God calling you to share His love? St. Paul's
Sunday School and Midweek needs YOU! Contact
Pastor, Brenda Mack or Sharon Duffy. Thank You!!



Northwestern Publishing House (NPH) Book Fair continues today through September 13th after the worship service in the fellowship hall. We're bringing the bookstore to you! A variety of Christ-centered books will be available for your selection to peruse and order. Proceeds from the sale will be used to purchase books for the church library.

Orphan Grain Train Sort and Pack Day: Wed., Sept. 9th. Pool rides at church 9:15 AM, work 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.. If questions, contact Bev Nixon.

St. Paul's Preschool would like to thank the congregation for the linoleum floor in the Education wing. It looks beautiful and is so convenient when painting and playing with play dough!

Join us for
Christian Education Sunday
 Sept 13, 2015

Sunday School for all ages . . . 9:00 AM
 Divine Worship Service . . . 10:00 AM
 (installation of teachers)



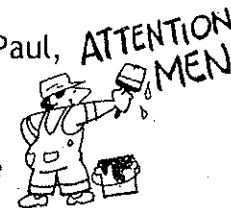
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 Potluck following the worship service
 Sponsored by the Board of Ed

Chicken, drinks and table service will be provided
All are welcome!

Church Council Meeting, Tues., Sept 15th at 7:30 P.M.

From the Lowell St. Paul Lutheran Church
 You're invited to a
Harvest Blessing September 20th noon meal
Please join us.

LLL Fall Rally: September 27, 2015 at St. Paul, Minden. Registration is at 5:00 PM. Speaker is the Rev. James Fandrey, from Grace Lutheran, Wood River. Please reserve With Larry Woodman, by September 20th.



Sunday Morning Adult Bible Class
 Begins September 13th 9:00 AM Fellowship Hall

A king in decline rejected by God, versus the newly anointed king, one after God's heart. Who will win the battle? The detailed answer can be found in the captivating study of the book of 1 Samuel. Join us!

Please remember these people in your prayers -
 Pastor Paul Duffy and family

Birthdays:

- Sept. 6 Jake Brunk; Karen Griego
- 7 Michael Duffy; LaDonna Kimle
- 9 Sierra Harmon; Jennifer Kurpgeweit

In the Service: Austin Applegate, Alec Applegate, Trevor Stickels, Julian Tucker, Hannah Panwitz, Danielle Burr, Darren Woodside

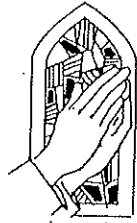
Missionaries: Sharon Owens, Macau, China
 Pastor John Reehl, Russia and the Baltics

Operation Christmas Child: Boxes are available in the entry area if you are interested in being a part of this mission ministry. You can also use your own shoebox if you would like. Information on how to pack your box can be found at www.samaratanspurse.org Please return your filled box to the same area by the second week of November. Thank you.



Sept. 27 LWML Hastings Zone
(Sun.) Fall Rally Zion, Red Cloud

Registration & Refreshments 1:30 PM
Meeting: 2:00 PM
Registration Fee: \$5.00



Theme: "Lord Teach Me to Pray"

Luke 11:1 "Lord, teach us to pray, just as John taught his disciples."

A "Life Quote" . . .

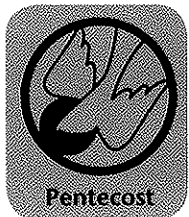
"As you go about your work for the Lord of Life, use Jesus as your example. He proclaimed truth but had compassion on the sinners who surrounded Him and so should we. Let the light of your compassion shine through in all that you do and say. It will make a difference."

Diane Schroeder, former president of Lutherans for Life
www.lutheransforlife.org

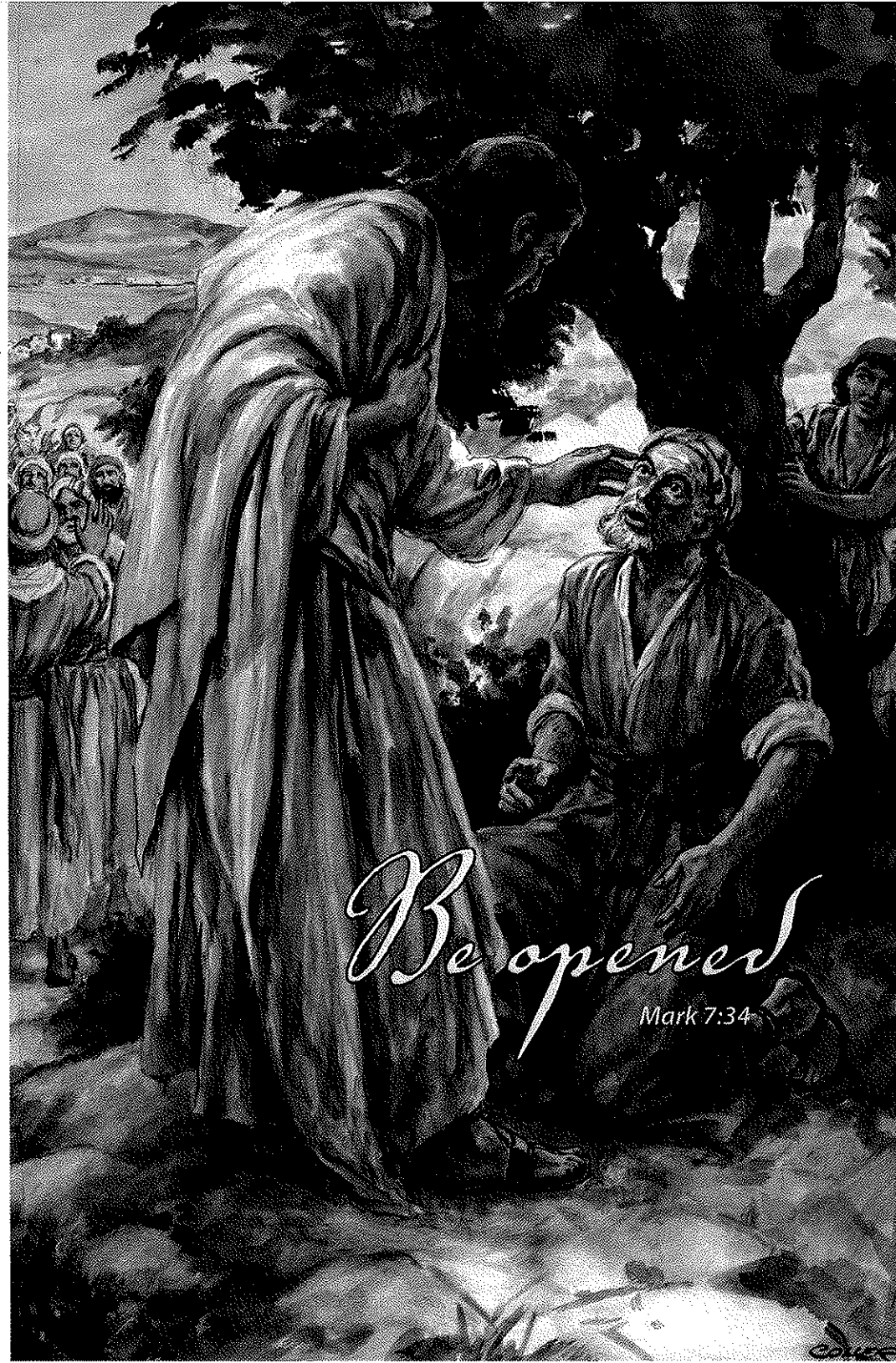
Our Expression of Love

August 30, 2015	Attendance 103	
Current Envelope		\$ 440.00
Current Plate		306.50
Church Scholarship Fund		<u>25.00</u>
Total		\$771.50

**Home Improvement:
Take your family to church.**



About the Cover: A man whose ears were closed, whose tongue was tied. A man cut off from the world God created him to enjoy. Jesus speaks His "Be opened" over this man, and suddenly he can both hear and speak clearly! The Lord still uses His Gospel to open our ears to hear, our hearts to believe His promises, and our mouths to proclaim His praise.



Be opened
Mark 7:34