

St. Paul Newscaster



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Our Mission

*To open our hearts and doors to share God's promise by transforming lives
through our commitment and discipleship to Jesus Christ.*

April 2022

Pastor Mark Liscom

Engagement

Sometimes I think the heart of the spiritual life is engagement. What's engagement? Well, it happens before you get married right? You're engaged. Connected. But engagement happens in so many other ways. Two people in a conversation are "engaged" in conversation. Two armies in a battle are "engaged" in a war. Engagement is what happens when you put your car in gear.

Disengagement is just the opposite of engagement. When we are disengaged, we are disconnected. There's no back and forth. The weird thing about disengagement is that it doesn't have anything to do with physical distance. The teacher is up in front of the class, but the topic doesn't "engage" the students.

Maybe it's obvious, but I'll say it anyway. The spiritual life is about engagement. The church is meant to be about engagement. Our relationship to God is meant to be an engagement. A connection. A back and forth. A discussion about the issues.

Sometimes we come to God or the church looking for answers. There may be some answers to the questions we have about life, but I doubt there are really that many. Our relationship to God, each other, and our church works best when it's about engagement. The back and forth. The wondering, asking, sharing, struggling. That's more like it. And maybe a few answers along the way.

You know what? We're actually doing pretty well at this point at being engaged. Thanks!

Pastor Mark



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Sponsors for the April Newscaster are

Irene Gibson

in Honor of Eleanora Bunting's Birthday

and

Dean and Beth Roelfs

for God's Gift of Eternal Life

We thank you all for your sponsorship and support.

Please note that the sign-up sheet for 2022 sponsorships is up and some sponsorships are still available.

There is one each available for June/July, October and December. Both sponsorships are available for the months of September and November.

Please consider sponsoring a Newscaster to continue providing this communication tool to the members of the congregation.



Maundy Thursday

Thursday, April 14
7pm



Good Friday

Friday, April 15
Good Friday Service at 7pm



Easter

Sunday, April 17
Youth-Sponsored Breakfast 8am
Easter Worship Service 9:30am

St. Paul Lutheran Church Council Minutes for March 17, 2022

Council members present were Pastor Mark, David Henrichs, Jeanette Bures, Peg Hemphill, Diane Wellsandt and Brian Weers. Gary Bergmeier arrived later in the meeting. God sightings were shared by council members and then Pastor Mark started the meeting with an opening prayer. Minutes were read and Peg moved to approve and seconded by Jeanette. Minutes approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Dave presented the Treasurer's Report in Gary's absence. It was reported that \$12,267.39 was received in March with a balance of \$4,518.83 in the account. Outstanding bills of \$1,192.50 is due to Stanton's, and Portico needs to be paid with a balance of \$2,599.61. Peg moved to accept the Treasurer's Report and Jeanette seconded. The Treasurer's Report was approved.

MEMORIAL TREASURER'S REPORT

Jeanette reported that there was \$.76 interest received. The account balance is now \$14,174.40. Brian moved to accept the report and Peg seconded. The report was approved.

PASTOR'S REPORT

4 worship services, 1 Ash Wednesday Service, 1 Youth service, 3 Confirmation classes and 2 Lenten services. Attended the first "How Shall I Lead" seminar and 3 text studies. There were 4 calls, 3 communions, 1 new family meeting.

VICE CHAIRMAN REPORT

Dave discussed the thank-you box, and having a possible garage sale during the Hwy 136 Trail of Treasures.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Christian Education – N/A

Property – N/A

Communication & Outreach – N/A

Music & Worship – Peg reported that there will be a Seder Meal and play, "The Living Last Supper" for the Maundy-Thursday Service. Are requesting 14 readers to do parts for the Maundy-Thursday and Good Friday Service for the Stations of the Cross. The Choir will sing on Easter Sunday. Easter Services were discussed, there will be no Sunrise Service, but the Youth will provide an Easter Breakfast for the congregation starting at 8am. Easter Worship will be at 9:30am. Jeanette moved to approve not having a Sunrise Service and Gary seconded. Motion approved. The Impromptu Choir will sing on the second Sunday of April, which is Palm Sunday. Will rehearse before worship services on Palm Sunday, April 10.

Food Stand – N/A

OLD BUSINESS

Discussed the new refrigerator and who will pay for it. The Youth discussed it at their meeting and would like to chip in some money for it. The possibility of a smaller Memorial could be used to help pay for it as well.

Discussed having a "shotgun microphone" for Pastor, which was suggested by Rev. Travis Panning.

Don't know yet when Diode Communications will come to install the splitter.

"The Chosen" series is going well.

NEW BUSINESS

The church needs to find a new Youth Group sponsor very soon. This will be put in the bulletin and the Newscaster.

Jeanette presented about Eternal Candle soot solution, buying a stand that is similar to the Advent Wreath stand and Paschal Candle stand that were made by Dave. Would like to use the Paschal Candle stand for the Eternal Candle.

The next council meeting was set for Wednesday, April 20th at 7:30pm and committees to meet at 6:30pm. Gary moved to adjourn the meeting and Dave seconded. The meeting was adjourned and closed with the Lord's Prayer.

~ Brian Weers, Council Secretary

TREASURER'S REPORT

As of 3/13/2022



Current Balances

General Fund	\$ 8,310.94
Benevolence	\$ 1,521.65
<u>Designations</u>	<u>\$ 4,568.02</u>
Total	\$14,400.61

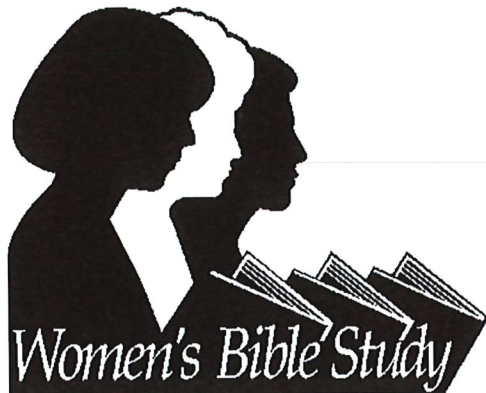
Operating Expenses

Available Cash	\$ 8,310.94	
Remaining Bills		
Stanton's	1,192.50	
Portico	<u>2,599.61</u>	<i>Due Mid-April</i>
Remaining Bal	\$ 4,518.83	

Offering Summary

	January	February	March
Current	\$ 15,102.60	\$ 9,863.19	\$ 11,152.54
Benevolence	\$ 155.65	\$ 1,145.20	\$ 1,017.85
Designated Funds	<u>\$ 233.00</u>	<u>\$ 52.00</u>	<u>\$ 97.00</u>
Totals	\$ 15,491.25	\$ 11,060.39	\$ 12,267.39 (partial month)

We need to receive \$10,002.96 in CURRENT each month in order to meet our budget for 2022.



Eunice Circle

Eunice Circle met on March 14, 2022 at 1:30pm. Norma Banahan led the Bible Study.

The Kingdom of God: Here and Now – Eternal Life in the Gospel of John. What other Gospel writers refer to as the “Kingdom of God,” John simply calls “eternal life.”

Our study texts from John 3:16, 4:5-30, 6:40 and 54; 1 John 4:16; 1 Corinthians 13:13; 1 Thessalonians 1:3. Our focus verse was John 10:10, “I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.” There were also various additional verses.

We opened with prayer and Hymn, “Love Divine, All Loves Excelling.” We closed with prayer and The Lord’s Prayer.

Norma called our meeting to order. Minutes were read and approved. Five (5) members answered roll call and one guest. Our offering was \$15.00.

Old Business: Work Day – February 22nd. A donation of School Kit items was received.

New Business: Work Days – March 22nd and 29th.

After Grace, Marla Weichel served refreshments.

Next Eunice Circle Meeting will be April 11th, 2022 at 1:30pm, March/April book. Irene Gibson will lead Bible Study.

~ Irene Gibson, Recorder

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Women of the ELCA

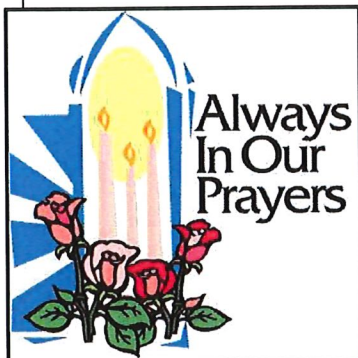
The next Unit Meeting of the Women of the ELCA will be held on Wednesday, May 4, 2022, at 1:30 p.m.

Peggy Hemphill will be the hostess. All women of the congregation are invited to attend.

Spring Gathering will be May 21 at the Lutheran Center on the UNL Campus. Please see a WELCA Executive Committee member for more details, and see the May Newscaster.

After a two-year “pause”, we will be having our Spring Salad Supper this year!! It will take place on April 24 at 5pm. Please see the next page for more information

Volunteers are needed for the card project. Please let Peggy know if you would be interested in sending cards to members and extended church family unable to attend worship.



Please remember in your prayers all of our members and extended church family who are not able to be with us, those that are in assisted living and care centers and those who may be in need of God’s comfort, healing and peace:

Angie Clifford had a lumpectomy, but it was caught early and she is recovering at home.

Steve Hemphill had surgery and is home and doing well.

Judy Weers, friend of our faith family and mother of member Shawn Weers, is currently living at Heritage Care Center in Fairbury while she continues to recover from her hospitalization for COVID and influenza.

Orville and Dorothy Krebs were laid to rest at the Prairie Home Cemetery by Diller on March 26th. We pray for their family and friends as they mourn their loss.

Please remember our Homebound and Shut-ins and all who are in need of God’s healing Grace:

Franklin Damrow, Eldean Banahan, Robert Weers and Rick Whittemire

ATTENTION LADIES!
COME HEAR LORI GOTTULA'S STORY
ABOUT HOW GOD IS
"BREAKING THE CHAINS!!"

SUNDAY, April 24, 2022

Salad supper, 5:00 p.m.; program to follow

St. Paul Lutheran Church

121 Lavelle St., Diller, NE

This is a motivational, inspirational testimony about how God is breaking the chains that kept Lori from living her best life in Him. He will do the same for you! Come as you are!



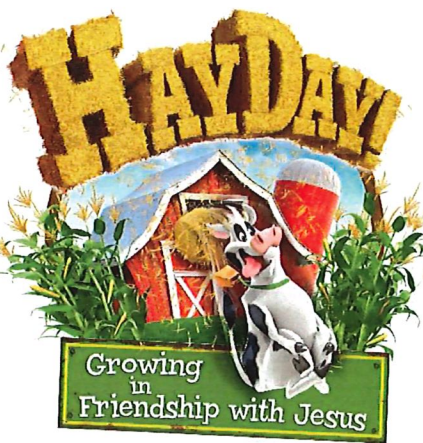
CrossWalk Continues Learning About God's Good Rules

The students started the month by watching a video of the life of Moses from his Nile trip in a basket to leading God's people into the Promised Land. On Ash Wednesday, Pastor Mark led the opening with singing to the guitar. Kids created their own popcorn snack. The session ended with all the children learning about the meaning of Ash Wednesday. They also had a chance to receive ashes. Thanks to Tyler Wolken for leading the day.

The following week, students finished the Moses movie and enjoyed activities related to his life such as the 10 Commandment Coloring Book and crossword puzzle, Holy Ground Shoe Relay and Frog Plague Racing.

The kids have learned the 6th, 7th and 8th Commandments through stories, music, games and a weekly video. Plans for Easter and end-of-year activities are being made.

~ Submitted by Beth Roelfs



VBS 2022 HAYDAY! Growing in Friendship with Jesus

Vacation Bible School 2022 is on the calendar for August 3rd at Camp Jefferson. All children ages 4 through the 5th grade are invited to join in on the fun. The morning session will focus on Jesus' befriending of Zacchaeus. Following lunch, the session 2 Bible Story is Jesus dies and comes back to life. All campers will spend the balance of the afternoon enjoying all of the special activities the Camp has to offer including the pool and hiking.

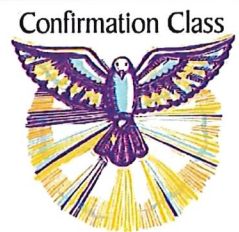
An evening celebration with food and fellowship will be open to the children, their families, the congregation and community.

Specific details are being worked out and will be promoted when they become available.

~ Submitted by Beth Roelfs

Confirmation students have had a busy year, and will be wrapping up classes by helping to serve the Seder Meal on Maundy-Thursday, April 14th, and the last class will be Wednesday, April 27th.

Affirmation of Baptism (Confirmation) will take place on Sunday, May 1 during the Worship Service. It's been a great year!



Some GOOD news!! The Youth will be serving an Easter Breakfast this year after a 2-year pause due to the pandemic. Come join us for breakfast and fellowship on Easter Sunday, April 17th starting at 8am. They will serve until 9am.

The Youth will also have a meeting on Sunday, April 3rd at 6:30 at the church to organize and plan upcoming activities.



SPONSORS NEEDED FOR YOUTH GROUP

The Council is looking for an adult sponsor for the Youth Group. If you have questions or would be interested, please contact Pastor Mark or a Council Member.

St. Paul's Council is Dave Henrichs, Gary Bergmeier, Peg Hemphill, Diane Wellsandt, Brian Weers and Jeanette Bures. Their contact information is available in the church directory.

I would like to thank everyone who attended the Open House for my 100th Birthday and for all the warm greetings. I enjoyed seeing and visiting with you.

Thank you also for the cards, gifts and phone calls I received. It was truly a once-in-a-lifetime experience! I appreciate it very much.

I thank God for blessing me with such a wonderful life and friends!
- Franklin Damrow



Our church's "Impromptu Choir" sang at the March 13th service, which turned out to be a lovely father-daughter duet. The choir will sing for service every 2nd Sunday of the month and practice 30 minutes prior to worship. Everyone is invited to come sing in the choir, the next one being on April 10th, Palm Sunday. Please Join Us!

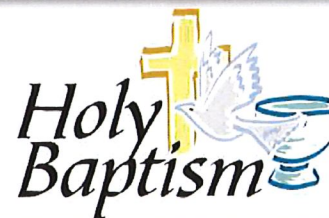
The choir will also sing for Easter Worship service, April 17th. Please let Pastor Mark know if you would like to participate.



BAPTIZED INTO OUR CHURCH

On Sunday, March 27, we welcomed Ava LaRay Block into our church family through baptism. Ava is the daughter of Paige and Lathen Block, and her sponsor was her aunt, Kara Beth Block.

We give thanks to God for the unconditional love that is the foundation of life!



Easter Lilies

If you would like to bring an Easter Lily to help decorate the sanctuary for Easter Worship and want to be included on the bulletin insert, please bring your plant labeled as to who it's from and sign the sheet in the Narthex by noon on Saturday, April 16. Please include your name and the designation. The information will be included in the insert for the bulletin. *Thank you* to those who sponsor plants.



Ash Wednesday Service

Ash Wednesday services took place on March 2. At right, the imposition of ashes. At bottom, the Communion



LENTEN SERIES 2022

Lenten Services at St. Paul were "Round Robin" with a different pastor from our cluster preaching each week about "Affirmation of Baptism", or, Confirmation - the promises made by us or on our behalf, and how we confirm those promises when we are old enough to understand. Each week during Lent, a meal was served before the worship service and was provided by the council, WELCA, and several generous volunteers from our congregation. They were assisted by our Confirmation students.

The pastors that participated in our "Round Robin" are listed at the right.

THANK YOU to our guest pastors and all that provided the delicious food before Lenten services.



The Pastors that participated in the Round Robin series were from our Homestead Cluster.

We had Pastors Myron Meyer, Interim at St. Paul's in Soap Creek, Travis Panning who serves First Lutheran in Wilber and Trinity Lutheran in DeWitt, Renae Koehler from St. John Lutheran in Beatrice and Kathee Forrest from Holy Cross in Beatrice.

They all spoke about the different promises made during our Baptism and Confirmation.



ATTENTION GRADUATES!!!!



Are You, your Child, or Grandchild graduating in May or June?

We want them on our Graduation Board!

Pictures and information for the board are being accepted until **May 22** (if you want your picture and info in the Newscaster), and the information needed is the name (First, Middle, Last) of the graduate, parents' and/or grandparents' names, name of school, school colors, degree earned and future plans. Please submit wallet-sized pictures or email to kweers10@gmail.com. Thanks!!

Beth Roelfs has graciously volunteered to be the "personals" contributor to the Newscaster. If you, a family member or friend would like to be included in the Newscaster's Prayer List or have a family event you would like included in a future edition of the Newscaster, please let Beth Roelfs know so no one or their special event gets missed.

Thank you, Beth!!



Happy Birthday

April Birthdays

- 3 Tyler Wolken
- 5 Bob Wellsandt
- 5 Larry Lawton
- 5 Scott Beran
- 7 Kalli Roelfs
- 12 Jeff Barber
- 17 Neleigh Weers
- 18 Shawna Barnts
- 24 Larry Germer
- 26 Daniel Beran
- 26 Kendall Graves
- 27 Mykal Folkers
- 27 Madeline Parde
- 29 David Henrichs



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

April 6, 2001

☞ Mr. & Mrs. Brian & Kendra K Weers

April 12, 2014

☞ Mr. & Mrs. Tyler & Crystal Snyder

April 16, 1994

☞ Mr. & Mrs. Chad & Courtney Lottman

April 18, 1998

☞ Mr. & Mrs. Jamie & Sheri Schultis

April 20, 1968

☞ Mr. & Mrs. Russell & Carolyn Schultis

April 21, 1979

☞ Mr. & Mrs. David & Sherry Henrichs

April 26, 2008

☞ Mr. & Mrs. Brad & Megan Langenberg



VOLUNTEERS: If you are unable to serve on the Sunday(s) you are assigned, PLEASE arrange with someone else to fill in and notify others in the assigned Sunday of the change. Thank You!



**April 3 Sunday Worship Service
With Holy Communion**

*Worship Assistant – Diane Wellsandt
Greeter – Charles Barber
Acolyte – Xavier Zabokrtsky
Ushers – Jarrod Heidemann, Steve Hemphill
Coffee Service – Leatha Christ, Diane Wellsandt*

**April 10 Sunday Worship Service
Palm Sunday**

*Worship Assistant – Sherry Henrichs
Greeter – Gary Bergmeier
Acolyte – Josie Hennerberg
Ushers – Dennis Hennerberg, Jamie Hennerberg
Coffee – Peggy Hemphill, Shannon Stein*

**April 17 Easter Sunday Worship Service
With Holy Communion**

*Worship Assistant – Kendra K Weers
Greeter – Dennis Nippert
Acolyte – Ryan Hicok
Ushers – David Henrichs, Joe Henrichs
Coffee Service – Carolyn Schultis, Sue Meyer*

April 24 Sunday Worship Service

*Worship Assistant – David Henrichs
Greeter – Dean Pretzer
Acolyte – Mason Schlichtman
Ushers – Doug Lottman, Don Meyer
Coffee Service – Jeanette Hennerberg,
Kristen Hennerberg*



**May 1 Sunday Worship Service
With Holy Communion
Confirmation Sunday**

*Worship Assistant – Gary Bergmeier
Greeter – Charles Barber
Acolyte – Peyton Hansen
Ushers – Dennis Nippert, Tanner Parde
Coffee – Jill Bergmeier, Julie Schmidt*

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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	
	Confirmation Sunday May 1		WELCA Unit Meeting May 4		1	2	
Red Hymnal Worship Service With Holy Communion 9:30 AM Youth Meeting 6:30 at Church	3	4	5	6 CROSS WALK Christian Ed 4:00pm	7	8	9
Blue Hymnal Worship Service 9:30 AM Palm Sunday	10	11 Eunice Circle 1:30pm	12	13 CROSS WALK Christian Ed 4:00pm	14 MAUNDY Thursday 7pm	15 GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE 7pm	16
Red Hymnal Easter Worship Service 9:30 AM Holy Communion Easter Breakfast 8:00 AM	17	18	19	20 CROSS WALK Christian Ed 4:00pm Committees and Council Meetings 6:30/7:30pm <i>Newsclaster items due</i>	21	22	23
Blue Hymnal Worship Service 9:30 AM WELCA Spring Salad Supper and Program 5:00pm	24	25	26 Work Day All Day	27 CROSS WALK Christian Ed 4:00pm CONFIRMATION 7:00pm	28	29	30



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