

St. Paul's Newscaster



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Falling Leaves

(From last year's October newscaster)

I think that fall is my favorite time of year in Nebraska. The weather gets a little cooler and crisper, it's a time of football, harvest, and maybe even a little hunting. But the most beautiful thing about fall is the turning of the leaves. It doesn't really last that long sometimes, but for a while, a moment, there is a beauty that can't be seen at any other time of the year.

But what makes this a little more interesting, at least from a spiritual point of view, is that these beautiful colors are the colors of dying, colors of ending. A time of growth is coming to an end. The beautiful colors are, really, a sign that the leaves are about ready to let go and return to the earth, in order to make way for a preparation of something new.

It's a metaphor of course. All around us, all the time, the old is passing away. We can see it in that face in the mirror at least. But we see it in former ways of living, and thinking that are passing away as well. People don't relate in the same way, communicate the same way, go to church or understand what is moral in the same way. Fall comes in so many ways.

Yet we often fail to see the beauty in it. Instead there is this kind of constant complaining and bitterness about endings. The notion that "heaven and earth" will pass away (Matt 24:35) is experienced with dread and almost a kind of disbelief. Even contempt is felt for the very process that God promises brings life.

I hope that you enjoy your "fall" this year and the beauty of it. But be open to the beauty of a fall that is more than just a certain season of the year. Be open, in every area of your life, to the ending of the old, and the beginning of the new. Like the leaves, the old passes away, so that the new can come. Like the leaves, let go and let God.

Pastor Mark

NEWS LETTER

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We are grateful for our November sponsors:

*Jim & Jeanette Bures in Honor of
Granddaughter Mallory's Epilepsy Month
and*

*Dennis & Deb Nippert
in Honor of their 35th Wedding Anniversary*

November

St. Paul Lutheran will once again host its annual
Community Thanksgiving Worship Service
on Wednesday evening, November 25 at 7:30pm.

All are welcome and encouraged to attend this special service.



THANKSGIVING SERVICE

CLOTHING AND FOOD ITEMS NEEDED!!

On Sunday, November 8, St. Paul's Youth Group will be going to the People's City Mission in Lincoln. We will be helping box and load coats that the mission will be handing out the next day to those in need. In conjunction with this, the Youth Group will be collecting food and clothes to donate to the Mission. If you would like to contribute, please bring items to the church and place them under the west side of the coat rack.



MISSION TRIP

St. Paul Lutheran Church Council Minutes for October 21, 2015

Pastor Mark opened the meeting with theology and prayer. Members present were Jim Damrow, Marcy Barber, Scott Beran, Charlie Barber, Jamie Hennerberg, and Jeanette Bures.

Minutes from the September meeting were reviewed. After a couple of corrections, Jim moved to accept and Marcy seconded. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report

Current Balance - \$1,232.11

Marcy moved to accept and Jamie seconded. Motion passed.

Memorial Treasurer's Report

Current Balance \$10,772.26

Pastors Report

2 Confirmation classes, 1 Confirmation make-up class, 1 Confirmation trip to Mosaic, 1 Confirmation service project (74 layettes), 1 meeting with Dennis Schmidt on Website, 1 Carpet Committee meeting, 3 funerals, 4 worship services, 1 Nebraska Synod Theological Conference, 1 text study, 1 prison visit, 2 other calls, 1 pre-marital counseling session, 2 youth meetings.

Vice Chairman's Report

N/A

Committee Reports

- The Carpet Committee has met several times recently. The youth group will help remove the old carpet on Sunday, October 25 starting at 3:00 and Bert's Carpet will start installing the new carpet and tile flooring on November 2.

Old Business

- Dennis Schmidt is helping Pastor Mark with the church website.


New Business

- The youth group will be assisting with worship on the last Sunday of each month.
- Jim made a motion to have a make-up class each week for the Confirmation class if they are unable to attend class on the scheduled day. Pastor Mark will set up the time. Marcy seconded, motion passed.
- Pastor Mark went over *Quick Check* with us. It is a Congregational Vitality and Sustainability Assessment from the Nebraska Synod ELCA that is intended to be used to promote growth in our congregation.

The next council meeting will be Wednesday, November 18th at 7:00 pm. Jeanette moved to adjourn and Jamie seconded. We closed with the Lord's Prayer.

- Jeanette Bures, Council Secretary

TREASURER'S REPORT			
General Fund Balance as of 10/18/2015		- \$ 314.71	
Bills Due by end of October:		Portico	\$ 3,327.19
Norris Public Power	\$346.00	C&C	<u>174.21</u>
		Total Due:	\$ 3,847.40
September/October			
<i>Last Month: September</i>		<i>Current Month: October</i>	
Current	\$5,514.20	Current	\$4,643.51
Benevolence	669.80	Benevolence	333.40
World Hunger	75.00	World Hunger	0.00
Specials - Carpet	<u>7,950.00</u>	Specials	<u>270.00</u>
TOTAL	\$ 14,209.00	TOTAL	\$ 5,246.91
We need \$11,233 in Current per month to meet the 2015 budget.			



Eunice Circle



Eunice Circle met on October 12, 2015 at 1:30pm. Irene Gibson led our Bible Study. Study was: Slow Faith - Make Haste, O Lord. Theme verse was Psalm 31:15. Study Text from Psalm 13, 31-15 (read from different Bible versions) and part of Psalm 104. All time is holy and human beings are meant to live in sacred sync with God's rhythms. Countless prayers arise from the Psalmist's voice asking God, "How long?"

Our Hymn was, "Precious Lord, Take My Hand." We closed with a prayer (a poem) and The Lord's Prayer.

Norma called the meeting to order. Minutes were read and approved. Four (4) members and Pastor answered roll call. Our offering was \$8.00.

Old Business: Thirty-Four (34) were served at Warren's Table and seven (7) helpers. All items for school kits are received, thank you to all for your donations. We still need 4oz. soap for Layette Kits. Workdays - September 22nd and 29th. October 28th will pack for Lutheran World Relief. On November 9th, Eunice Circle will give program at Women of the ELCA Unit meeting.

New Business: Lutheran World Relief will be delivered to Lincoln after the packing of items on Tuesday, October 27th. Our program is ready for the November 9th Women of the ELCA Unit Meeting.

After Grace, Marla Weichel served refreshments.

Next Eunice Circle will be November 9, 2015 at 1:30pm, November book. Kay Taylor is study leader and Jean Schnuelle will be hostess.

Irene Gibson, Recorder



St. Paul's Women of the ELCA November 9th Unit Meeting

The November Unit meeting of St. Paul's Women of the ELCA will be on Monday evening, November 9th beginning at 7 p.m.

It was earlier announced that Karen Mains, Coordinator of St. John's Food Pantry, Beatrice, would be the guest speaker but due to a scheduling conflict, she will be unable to be present.

The program that evening will be presented by members of the Eunice Circle. Fall events will be discussed. All women of the church are encouraged to attend.

Upcoming Events

• Sunday, November 22, 2015
Thankoffering Service during Morning Worship Hour

• Sunday, December 6, 2015
Women of the ELCA Christmas Gathering
2 p.m.



DEDICATION OF ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF PROJECTS 2015

On Sunday, October 25, we celebrated the dedication of Lutheran World Relief Projects completed this past year by so many "Helping Hands." These projects are a reflection of the unity of our church in Missions, together they strengthen the fellowship within our congregation. They are a faith witness to our community – a work of our hearts and hands. Most importantly our completed mission projects are a blessing to people in need around the world.

We cannot express enough gratitude to everyone who has participated in these projects – whether it be monetary donations, tangible donations, time and talent donations. So many "Helping Hands" have made these blessings possible.

104 Quilts – Ladies working on Work Days (the fourth Tuesday of each month) put together quilts and hand tie them. The day begins at 9am and work is concluded by 3pm. Coffee and fellowship are shared prior to departure. Work such as ripping, sizing and hemming is taken home. It is a very fun and productive day of hands working together. Come join us!!! There is an activity for everyone!!!

23 Fabric Kits – These kits consist of two pieces of cotton or cotton blend fabric with two spools of coordinating thread.

75 School Kits – These kits contain notebooks, a ruler, a pencil sharpener, blunt scissors, pencils, ballpoint pens, crayons and an eraser – all items are placed in a drawstring backpack cloth bag.

12 Personal Care Kits – These kits include a bath-size towel, soap, toothbrush, comb and nail clippers.

85 Baby Care Kits – Baby supplies include T-shirts, gowns or sleepers, receiving blankets, cloth diapers, jacket, socks, hand towel, soap and diaper pins.

THANKS BE TO GOD!!

Women of the ELCA Christmas Celebration

Sunday, December 6, 2015

Beginning at 2:00 pm

Look for more details to come in the December Newscaster.

All women of the church are encouraged to attend.

Please join us for a day of fellowship!





Congratulations to Karter and Tara Sasse of Endicott who are the proud parents of a baby girl, Tynleigh Michelle.

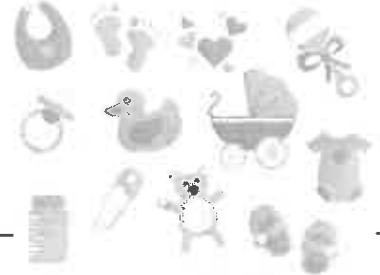
Tynleigh was born October 15, 2015 at the Beatrice hospital weighing 7 pounds, 13.1 ounces.

Grandparents are Kevin and Barb Sasse and Great Grandmother is Bernice Ebbers.

Congratulations also go to Michael and Liz Wellsandt who had a baby boy, Henry Michael, born October 16, 2015.

He was welcomed home by big brother, Charlie.

Grandparents are Bob and Diane Wellsandt.



Thank you for all the prayers for my daughter, Barb Helmstadter, as she struggled with cancer. Thank you for the hugs, phone calls, food, cards and memorials since she passed away.

God's Blessings to everyone.

Jan & Norris Gold

Kay Taylor wishes to extend thanks to the MANY people who have sent cards and gifts for her birthday, get well wishes, many phone calls, visits and also to Pastor Liscom for his visits at her many places of care.

She is now happily at home and recovering well.



Kent Kising, age 57, of Lincoln passed away October 13, 2015 at the Nebraska Heart Hospital. Kent grew up on the family farm near Diller, graduating from Diller High School in 1976.

Funeral services for Kent were October 17 at St. Paul Lutheran Church with Pastor Mark Liscom officiating.

Survivors include wife, Terry, and their daughter, Marie, Kent's Mother, Joyce, siblings Cheryl, Donald and Douglas and all their families.

We extend our heartfelt sympathy to members of Kent's family. May you find comfort in God's tender hands and the kindnesses shown by so many.



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:

Irene Pretzer, Loretta Barber, Bernice Ebbers, Toby Fritzen, Skylar Folkers, Mallory Helton, and Dylan Nippert.



Youth ★ SUNDAY ★

St. Paul's Youth again assisted with the Sunday morning worship service and coffee fellowship hour on October 25th.

The Worship Assistant was Cody Scheele and the Children's Sermon was led by Mahaila Engelman who talked about how long a minute really is and that in that minute, 17 people in the world died of hunger and that 13 of those people were kids just like them. Scripture was read by Christopher and Jonathan Schmidt and Hayley Denner, and the Sermon was given by Kelsay Schlichtman and Pastor Liscom. Kelsay talked about how there are two people in a relationship and about expectations. Both people can feel that they may not be adequate or not enough, but God teaches us that we are good just as we are.

Greeter was Hollie Crawford. Ushers were Spencer Schmidt, Jesse Scheele, Armando Jones and Caleb Schultis. The refreshments were served by Armando Jones and Caleb Schultis.

You all did a wonderful job and we look forward to your monthly presence and contribution of time and talent.

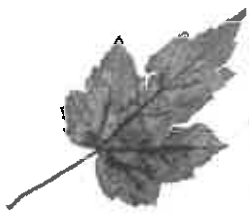
St. Paul's confirmation class met at the church on Wednesday, October 14 to make "layettes". Layettes are packages of clothing and supplies that are sent overseas to help new mothers and their infant children. Over 75 were made and boxed.

Thanks to Cleo Perkins for organizing this and for the many people who helped to supply all the materials for the kits. A big thanks also goes to the Confirmation class and to everyone involved that make this event happen. Clothing, supplies and soap is organized throughout the year and the kids do a great job of putting everything together.

Looking forward to next year!



The Confirmation class also went to Mosaic on Wednesday, October 28th for a Halloween party and some wore a costume for extra fun. Pastor wore a weird hat and all the groups that participated had a great time.



Happy Birthday



November Birthdays

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|-----------------------|----------------------|
| 1 Judy Landenberger | 13 Katelin Bergmeier |
| 1 Jordan Langenberg | 17 Nicole Meyer |
| 2 Myleigh Weers | 18 Michael Wellsandt |
| 5 Danielle Reeson | 22 Leana Lottman |
| 6 Neil Meyer | 23 Brenda Engelman |
| 6 Brianna Weers | 25 Dennis Schmidt |
| 8 Linda Garcia | 25 Colby Bartlett |
| 8 Rhonda Balderson | 26 Russell Schultis |
| 9 Howard Behrends | 26 Diane Wellsandt |
| 9 Leatha Christ | 28 Deborah Nippert |
| 10 Sharon Lottman | 28 Jacob Langenberg |
| 11 Susan Lawton | 30 Kelsey Engelman |
| 12 Phyllis Schierkolk | 30 Spencer Weers |
| 13 Donna Damrow | |

November Wedding Anniversaries

November 1, 1980

☞ Mr. & Mrs. Dennis Nippert

November 16, 1988

☞ Mr. & Mrs. Gary Bergmeier

Please keep Jill Scheele in your thoughts and prayers. She recently had surgery but is now recovering and doing well.



From the Carpet Committee

On October 25, 2015, St. Paul Youth, Property Committee members and other volunteers pulled up all the old carpet in the Narthex, Gathering room, entry and hallway and all the tile in the entries, restrooms and kitchen in preparation of the new installation on Monday, November 2.

It is exciting to see this transformation and it is all thanks to the MANY people that have donated to this project. THANK YOU DONORS!!!



November 1 Sunday Worship Service
With Holy Communion

Worship Assistant, Jim Damrow
 Greeter, Don Meyer

November 8 Sunday Worship Service
 Worship Assistant, Kendra K. Weers

Greeter, Dennis Nippert

November 15 Sunday Worship Service
 Worship Assistant, Diane Wellsandt

Greeter, Franklin Damrow

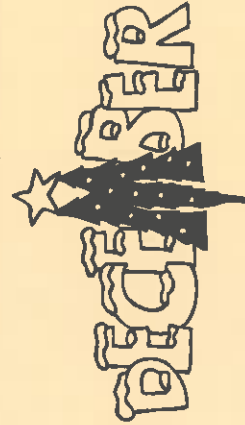
November 22 Sunday Worship Service
 Worship Assistant, Youth

Greeter, Youth

November 25 Thanksgiving Eve Service
 Greeter, Dean Pretzer

November 29 Sunday Worship Service
 Worship Assistant, Dennis Hennerberg

Greeter, Charles Barber



December 6 Sunday Worship Service
 With Holy Communion

Worship Assistant, Brian Hennerberg
 Greeter, Jim Damrow



Brian Hennerberg Calvin Hennerberg
 Reese Hennerberg Jamie Hennerberg

David Henrichs Harry Kissing
 Brett Landenberger Tyson Landenberger

Lance Lawton Chad Lottman
 Doug Lottman Don Meyer

Youth Members

Kevin Sasse Doug Schmidt
 Spencer Schmidt Jonathan Schmidt

Tim Scheele Cody Scheele
 Jesse Scheele Russell Schultis



Neleigh Weers
 Tori Smith

Samantha Clifford
 Esdon Weers

Nicolaus Engelman
 Hayley Jones

Addison Heidemann
 Mallory Denner

Brianna Weers
 Esdon Weers

Jadyn Schultis
 Mykah Folkers



Children's
 Sermon

Pastor Mark

Jean Schmidt

Sheri Schultis

Youth

Jan Liscom

Pastor Mark



Please furnish your own Styro-foam cups or use the cups in the kitchen cupboard

Leatha Christ
 Sheri Schultis

Beth Lee Beran
 Linda Beran

Donna Damrow
 Cleo Perkins

Cheryl Denner
 Amber Folkers

Michele Engelman
 Betty Lawrence

Diane Wellsandt
 Kendra K. Weers

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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
 1 DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME BEGINS ALL SAINTS DAY Red Hymnal Worship Service 9:30 AM Holy Communion DEDICATION SUNDAY SUNDAY SCHOOL 10:30 AM	2	3	4 Confirmation Parents' Night 7:00pm	5	6	7
Blue Hymnal 8 Worship Service 9:30 AM SUNDAY SCHOOL 10:30 AM Youth Service Project at People's City Mission in Lincoln	Eunice Circle 9 1:30pm Women of the ELCA Unit Meeting 7pm	10	 11 VETERAN'S DAY Confirmation Service Project 7:00pm	12	13	14
Red Hymnal 15 Worship Service 9:30 AM SUNDAY SCHOOL 10:30 AM	16	17	18 Council Meeting 7:00pm	19	20 Confirmation Lock-In 7:00 pm	21
 22 CHRIST THE KING Blue Hymnal Youth-Led Worship Service 9:30 AM SUNDAY SCHOOL 10:30 AM Thank Offering Service Youth Meeting at 6:30 pm	23	24 Work Day All Day	25 Thanksgiving Service 7:30pm Newscaster items due	26  Thanksgiving	27	28
Red Hymnal 29 Worship Service and Confirmation 9:30 AM Confirmation Class After worship at Parsonage SUNDAY SCHOOL 10:30 AM First Sunday in Advent	30					



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