

St. Paul Newscaster



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Politicians

With the mid-term elections coming up, it's been hard to escape the phone calls, mail, and once in a while some nice people who show up at your door asking for votes. So I'll ask you. What do you think of politicians?

In general, politicians are scorned in public discourse. Called crooks and worse. Bring up the subject and you're likely to soon be engaged in a conversation filled with ridicule, contempt, disdain, disrespect, and anger. I've done it myself...many times.

I don't have much space here, but during this election cycle, I challenge you to become less contemptuous toward politicians. I know many of our politicians are experts at ridicule and contempt themselves, and others surely deserve it, but still I would ask you to consider "knocking it off" so to speak. The reason is simple...it's destructive. It's not a law, as if you can't ever joke about a politician etc. But experiment with it.

Jesus said that people who engage in ridicule and contempt were in danger of the fires of hell. (Matthew 5:21). This has nothing to do with the next life, and everything to do with this one. Why not try something that would put out the flames or at least calm things down a bit?

We need politicians after all. I could be wrong, but it's my hunch that if we as a people, were less willing to be so contemptuous of our politicians, both those we vote for and against, we would be better served by them. Our world would be a little better and our days would be a little brighter.

Blessings,
Pastor Mark

NEWS LETTER

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



SHARE THE JOY! SHARE THE STORY!

The 2018 Christmas Program will have a different look this year. The program will have a cast of all ages. The planning committee is inviting YOU to consider being part of the fun. Instead of the traditional ALL CHILDREN'S cast we are inviting you to JOIN THE CHILDREN in sharing the message of Christ's birth. There will be speaking/reading parts, singing, costuming jobs, set crew, musicians, and sound/technical. None of it will be hard or time consuming. You can help with one small part and be finished OR participate in the entire playlet. You decide. What a joyful experience! And, we want you to join in. If you are interested or have questions, speak to Kristen, Kristen, or Beth.

St. Paul Lutheran Church Council Minutes for October 17, 2018

Pastor Mark read an article entitled "This Changes Everything" which was the theme for the 2018 ELCA Youth Gathering. Pastor then opened with a prayer. Members present were Melvin Beran, David Henrichs, Cindy Lottman, Allen Roelfs, Jean Schmidt, and Jamie Schultis. Allen moved to accept the minutes, and Jamie seconded. Motion passed.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Allen reported that the current balance is \$1,700.49. The Diller Picnic funds have been deposited. The Portico was pro-rated this month since family members have been removed from Pastor Mark's insurance coverage. The current bills will be paid by the end of the month, except for Pastor's salary which will be paid soon. Jamie moved to accept, and Jean seconded. Motion passed.

MEMORIAL TREASURER'S REPORT

Jamie reported that the current balance is \$13,312.78, including the month's interest. No financial activity for the month. The endowment fund shows a third quarter increase and an overall increase for the year. Allen moved to accept, and Melvin seconded. Motion passed.

PASTOR'S REPORT

4 worship services, 3 adult education classes, 2 youth group meetings, 3 confirmation classes, 1 confirmation service project, 1 baptism and pre-baptism meeting, 1 First Communion class/acolyte training, 1 Transformational committee meeting, 6 home communions, 1 Cluster meeting, 2 text studies, 1 Women's Bible Study, 2 "other" calls. No mileage.

- Pastor Mark will be taking vacation from October 22-28, 2018. Pastor has arranged for services on October 28 and the "on call" pastoral needs during that time.
- Pastor Mark will be attending the Synod Theological Conference in Lincoln on October 29-30, 2018.
- November 4, 2018, will be All Saint's Day service.
- November 11, 2018, will be Mission Festival service.
- Pastor Mark would like feedback on his sermons. Pastor would prefer a discussion with more content not just a thought of whether it was liked or not liked.

COMMITTEE REPORT

- Christian Education--have been planning the upcoming Christmas program which will include all the congregation.
- Diller Picnic Food Stand--there are now some meats from the picnic that will be for sale.
- Memorial--met to discuss possible projects: replacing the Narthex doors, making the bathroom doors handicap accessible, and replacing the light fixtures in the church area.
- Property--Dean Pretzer sprayed for weeds and dandelions...A Big Thank You!!; there are a few maintenance items and trees that need to be trimmed before the winter months so a workday will be planned once harvest is finished.

OLD BUSINESS

- The exterminator has been at the church for a second time. Council discussed how often to have treatments done and recommends at least a couple more be completed.
- Pastor Mark has planned a meeting with an individual interested in becoming an assistant minister.

NEW BUSINESS

- Sunday, November 11, 2018, will be Mission Festival. Pastor Mark is planning the service. Council decided to have a potluck following the service and Sunday School.
- Pastor Mark is looking for an individual/s to help with transporting the boxes of quilts to Beatrice for delivery to Omaha.
- Council discussed having a second individual available to make deposits when necessary.
- Council discussed the findings of the Listening Process and Report. A copy of the report will be sent out to congregation members. After discussion, the Council decided to move forward. Cindy made a motion to accept the report from the Bishop and Listening Team and to move forward with the recommendations. Voting yes: Melvin Beran, David Henrichs, Cindy Lottman, Allen Roelfs, Jean Schmidt, Jamie Schultis. Motion passed.
- Council discussed Pastor Mark's insurance for 2019. Jamie made a motion to stay with the current Gold Plan coverage for Pastor Mark's insurance for year 2019. Cindy seconded. Motion passed.

The next council meeting will be on Wednesday, November 14, 2018, at 7:00 p.m. The meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer. Jamie made a motion to adjourn, and Jean seconded. Motion passed.

Jean Schmidt, Council Secretary

TREASURER'S REPORT			
General Fund Balance as of 10/28/2018		\$ 450.77	
Bills Due by end of October:	Picnic Funds to Blue Valley	\$ 471.86	
	Total	\$ 471.86	
September/October			
<i>Last Month: September</i>		<i>Current Month: October</i>	
Current	\$ 12,043.56	Current	\$ 5,477.00
Benevolence	823.75	Benevolence	197.65
World Hunger	546.86	World Hunger	25.00
Specials	506.86	Specials	35.00
TOTAL	\$ 13,921.03	TOTAL	\$ 5,734.65
We need \$12,307.87 in CURRENT per month to meet the 2018 budget.			



Eunice Circle



Eunice Circle met on October 8, 2018 at 1:30pm. Norma Banahan led our Bible Study. "Turn, Turn, Turn: A Time for Faithful Repentance." Turning to others - Repentance brings us face to face with those affected by our actions. When we turn to God, we find grace.

Our focus verses were from Matthew 22:37-40. Bible study texts were from Luke 10:1-10, Matthew 5:21-24, Matthew 18:15-35, Matthew 22:37-40, Corinthians 12:12-26, Romans 6:1-11, Romans 12:1-21 and John 4:7-12.

We opened with prayer and Hymn, "God, When Human Bonds are Broken." We closed with a prayer and Hymn, "Blest Be the Tie That Binds" and The Lord's Prayer.

Norma called our meeting to order. Minutes were read and approved. Members answered roll call. Our offering was \$9.00.

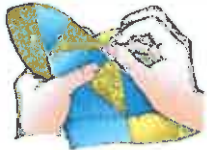
Old Business: We spoke about our progress with projects. Work Day was September 25th.

New Business: Projects moving forward will be the WELCA meeting on November 8th, Thursday at 1 pm. Work Day will be October 23. ThankOffering will be during worship service on November 18th. We will pack LWR (Lutheran World Relief) projects on October 30th.

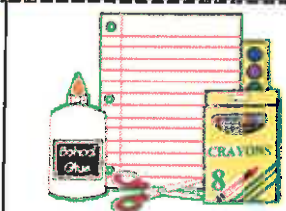
After Grace, Marla Weichel served refreshments.

Next Eunice Circle will be Nov. 12, 2018 at 1:30pm, November book. Irene Gibson will be study leader.

Irene Gibson, Recorder



LWR MISSION
QUILTS & KITS



MISSION WORK DAY

Lutheran World Relief Projects Dedicated

October was the month when our kits and quilt ministry items were boxed and shipped to Lutheran World Relief. St. Paul's assembled 50 baby care kits, 75 school kits, 12 personal care kits, and 84 hand tied quilts for the LWR Quilt and Kit Ministry. We were so pleased to donate a quilt to someone locally.

So many individuals have made these blessings possible - in monetary donations, tangible donations, and time and talent donations. We thank everyone for their generous contributions and witness of faith.

May your hearts be blessed by the smiles of appreciation as those in need receive our Gifts of Love.

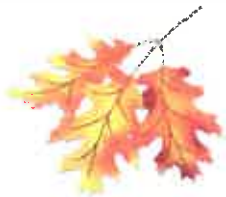
Next work day is November 27.



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November – December WELCA Activities



**November 8, 2018 (Thursday) 1:00 p.m.
Unit WELCA Meeting**



*Grateful
to
God*

**November 18, 2018 (Sunday)
ThankOffering Service during our
Morning Worship Hour**



**December 2, 2018 (Sunday)
Hanging of the Greens during
Morning Worship Hour**



8/29/2018

WELCA UNIT MEETING



Pres Linda Beran opened our Unit Meeting with warm welcomes Ardith gave the opening prayer. Thirteen women attended and the 7:00 pm business meeting opened with reciting our Statement of Purpose.

Eunice Circle gave a program on "Prayer." Make prayer the 1st thing and the last thing each day. Find a quiet place to make your earnest and humble requests, giving thanks for our many blessings. Open yourself to communicating with God ... Speaking ... Listening ... Seeking his presence with you at all times. Listen for God's answers—it may be Yes, No, Not yet, and know his answer may "Not Be as We Imagine." Remember prayer empowers us.

The business meeting opened with the Minutes read by Sec Robbyn Roelfs and approved. Treas Jeanette Bures gave the financial report with the current balance of \$1022.22. She noted donation from Daryl Sasse funeral luncheon and several payments for supplies, landscaping flowers, postage, and supplies and rope for backpack school kits.

Committee Reports: Work Day--reported on quilt progress and upcoming Packing. Average 8 quilts per month.
Warren's Table Project—youth serving biscuits and gravy.

New Business: Discussed College outreach moving from cards to Care Packages with \$200.00 funding approved.
Discussion on Baby Care Kits—Free will Offering for diapers and bars of Soap.

Thank you to all helping in Diller Picnic Food Stand.

Upcoming Events:

Autumn Renewal - Saturday September 22nd at Hastings, NE
Southeast Spring Gathering—March 23, 2019 – Auburn, NE

Winter Retreat - January 19, 2019 at Grand Island, NE
Next Unit Meeting Wednesday November 8th at 1:00 pm

An offering of \$50 was collected. Wonderful refreshments served by Jeanette – Thanks!! The meeting was closed with a prayer read in unison.

"May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with us all, now and evermore. Amen."

Respectfully submitted, Robbyn Roelfs

*Several of our congregational members have been in the hospital recently.
Pastor Mark had a heart incident and is recovering and tests are being done.*

Kendra K Weers had surgery and is recovering.

Hannah Ebeling had an allergic reaction but has recovered.

Steve Hemphill had shoulder surgery and is at home recovering.

Please remember them in your prayers as they recover and heal.

Please also 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:

*Toby Fritzen, Betty and Franklin Damrow, Richard Schnuelle, Ardyce Wiemers,
Dylan Nippert, Eden Lottman and Skylar Folkers.*





Our Youth again led the worship service on October 28. Congregants were greeted by Esdon Weers and Worship Assistant was Neleigh Weers. There was no Children's Sermon. The first and second scriptures were read by Mallory Denner. The Gospel was also read by Esdon Weers. The sermon was given by a guest Pastor, Roger Hoffman, while Pastor Mark was on vacation. His message focused on the second scripture lesson, Romans 3:19-28, and was about justification through God. Pr. Hoffman talked about the Ten Commandments and how we are sinners and we feel guilt because we are guilty, but we become free of sin because Jesus cleansed us through the crucifixion. In verse 22, Pr. Hoffman states that we are justified through righteousness, and light brings goodness. He also talked about how ONE person can make a difference - after all, one tree can start a forest.

Ushers were Hollie Crawford, Brianna Weers, Mallory Denner and Esdon Weers. The refreshments were served by Hollie Crawford and Brianna Weers.

The youth meeting was held on October 14 where they had a "death night" and toured the Harmon-Wright Funeral Home in Beatrice and learned about the funeral process, a discussion of grief and what happens when we die. It was an important event that affected all our youth.

The Confirmation class met at the Church on October 10 and assisted the women's groups in assembling all the kits for Lutheran World Relief. They were such great help that they were done in record time. All had a great time in fellowship and service.



Due to the size of the classes this year, Pastor Mark has "split" the classes into two groups and times. They are: 6th Grade - 4pm; 7th and 8th Grade - 7pm. Parents night and service projects are still at 7pm. These new times are in the Church Calendar.



On Sunday, October 7, First Communion was held during worship services.

Six new Confirmation students and their families came forward to participate in their first sacrament of Holy Communion. They are Brennan Schultis, Myleigh Weers, Madeline Parde and Joely Weers.



Congratulations to these new students as they begin their Confirmation journey and give thanks to God who sent his son to bring us into a relationship of love with one another.

Mission Festival on November 11



Mission Festival Sunday will be on November 11. Connie Stover will be our guest speaker, She coordinates "Seeking the Spirit Within" and leads the Synod program for spiritual direction. This is a vital area that needs to be explored for the future church. We look forward to seeing you at Mission Festival.



A potluck meal and fellowship will follow the worship service.



As a congregation, we will be conducting a food drive beginning now and going through the Advent season. Bring your food donations to the church – help us collect food for the needy.

Also, coats will be delivered to Blue Valley in Fairbury and/or the coat drive in Beatrice at First Christian Church the last week of December. Clean out those closets and help keep someone warm this winter.



**FEED THE
HUNGRY**

THANKSGIVING SERVICE



St. Paul Lutheran will once again host its annual Community Thanksgiving Worship Service on Wednesday evening, November 22 at 7:30pm.

All are welcome and encouraged to attend this special



*Christmas Poinsettias
will be available through the Church
if ordered by December 9.*

*When prices are available, a sign-up sheet will be
in the Narthex.*



Christmas Caroling will be December 9.

PLEASE SAVE THE DATE!!

More details will be in the upcoming bulletins and December Newscaster.

YOUTH PHILANTHROPY CONTEST

Proudly Sponsored by the Diller Community Foundation Fund

Diller community youth, we invite you to use your creativity, energy, passion and talent to serve our community! We are happy to announce a contest for youth ages K-22 years old, to apply for grants up to \$500 that will help our community change and grow! Use your gifts, talents and ideas to help create the best community to live!

You must apply by **December 1, 2018** and the project must be complete by **March 31, 2019**. Please see Beth Roelfs or look on the bulletin board in the back of the church for more information.





It has been an exciting month for our high schoolers. They had a drama workshop at Doane University, National Honor Society new member induction (above) where youth from our church were inducted, and the volleyball team won the Districts and will compete at the State Tournament in November. NHS members from our youth are Kelsay Schlichtman, Bryston Warren, Samantha Clifford and Mahaila Engelman. Volleyball team members from our youth are Hayley Jones, Samantha Clifford, Addison Heidemann, Jadyn Schultis, Tori Smith and Mallory Denner. Congrats and Good Luck!!



County Spelling Contestants

Congratulations to the Diller-Odell 5th and 6th Grade County Spelling Contest team. The Griffins had 3 students place in the top 10 and Joely Weers achieved first place and will compete at the Regional Competition in the spring. Students from our church on the team were Madeline Parde and Joely Weers in 6th Grade and Mason Denner in 5th grade.



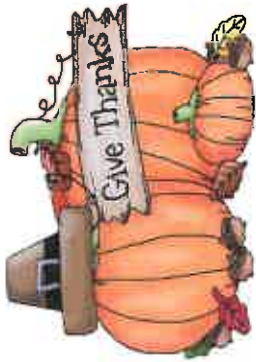
November Birthdays

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| 1 Judy Landenberger | 13 Donna Damrow |
| 1 Jordan Langenberg | 13 Katelin White |
| 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 |
| 9 Brady Helton | 28 Jacob Langenberg |
| 10 Sharon Lottman | 30 Kelsey Engelman |
| 11 Susan Lawton | 30 Spencer Weers |
| 12 Phyllis Schierkolk | |



November Wedding Anniversaries

- November 1, 1980
 ❧ Mr. & Mrs. Dennis & Deborah Nippert
- November 16, 1988
 ❧ Mr. & Mrs. Gary & Jill Bergmeier
- November 28, 2015
 ❧ Mr. & Mrs. Joseph & McKenzie Henrichs



November 4 Sunday Worship Service
All Saints and Dedication Sunday

With Holy Communion
 Worship Assistant, Jim Damrow
 Greeter, Dennis Nippert

November 11 Sunday Worship Service
 Worship Assistant, Diane Wellsandt
 Greeter, Jim Bures

November 18 Sunday Worship Service
 Worship Assistant, Jim Damrow
 Greeter, Dean Pretzer

November 21 Thanksgiving Eve
Worship Service
 Greeter, Charles Barber

November 25 Sunday Worship Service
 Worship Assistant, Youth Group
 Greeter, Youth Group



December 2 Sunday Worship Service
With Holy Communion
 Worship Assistant, Sherry Henrichs
 Greeter, Jim Damrow



Gary Bergmeier Jim Bures
 Chris Clifford

Jim Damrow John Denner
 Jeremy Engelman Larry Germer

Jarrold Heidemann Steve Hemphill
 Dennis Hennerberg
 Jamie Hennerberg

Youth Group

David Henrichs Brian Hennerberg
 Calvin Hennerberg
 Reese Hennerberg



Karli Heidemann
 Brennan Schultis

David Parde
 Keira Hennerberg

Skylar Folkers
 Cole Ebeling

Kellan Schlichtman
 Myleigh Weers

Xavier Jones
 Joely Weers



Children's
Sermon

Pastor Mark

David/Sherry
 Henrichs

Jean
 Schmidt

Youth Group

Pastor Mark



Please furnish your own Styrofoam cups or use the cups in the kitchen cupboard

Kendra S Weers
 Diane Wellsandt

Barb Sasse
 Tara Sasse

Marla Weichel
 Marcy Barber




Jill Scheele
 Michelle Engelman

Cindy Lottman
 Shelly Smith

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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
<p>☀ Please check the weekly bulletin ☀ or website for schedule changes or additions. Some information was not available at press time.</p>				1 ALL SAINTS DAY	2	3
 <p>FALL BACK DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME BEGINS 4 ALL SAINTS SUNDAY DEDICATION SUNDAY Red Hymnal Worship Service 9:30 AM Holy Communion SUNDAY SCHOOL 10:30 AM</p>	5	6  Election Day	7 Confirmation Parents' Night 7:00pm	8 Women of the ELCA Unit Meeting 1pm	9	10
<p>MISSION FESTIVAL 11 Blue Hymnal Worship Service 9:30 AM SUNDAY SCHOOL 10:30 AM Potluck Dinner Following Worship  VETERAN'S DAY Youth Meeting 6pm at Parsonage</p>	12 Eunice Circle 1:30pm	13	14 Council Meeting 7:00 pm No Confirmation	15	16	17
<p>Red Hymnal 18 Worship Service 9:30 AM WELCA ThankOffering Service SUNDAY SCHOOL 10:30 AM</p>	19	20	21  Thanksgiving Service 7:30pm Confirmation during and after service	22  Thanksgiving Office Closed	23	24
<p>Blue Hymnal 25  Youth-Led Worship Service 9:30 AM SUNDAY SCHOOL 10:30 AM Youth Meeting 6pm at Parsonage <i>Newscafter items due</i></p>	26	27 <i>Work Day</i> All Day	28 CONFIRMATION 6 th Grade 4pm 7 th -8 th Grade 7pm	29	30	



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