

St. Paul Newscaster



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Confirmation and Real Life

This week we were hit with hail in our community. Looks like it may have wrecked some of the crops and dented our cars. As I write this, Florida braces for a possible Hurricane of unknown power. In other news, it looks like we're in for a possible recession. The reality of the world includes the reality of a lot of bad news.

And yet at the same time, we have been surrounded by beauty and growth. The same weather that brings the hail and hurricanes brings the sunshine and growth, the rain that nurtures. The same business that leads to recession and decline, leads to endless creativity and possibility.

Too often we respond to this by bouncing around between these two extremes. One day it's all great, the next day it's all terrible. This "up and down" life is exhausting and leads to feeling betrayed by life, maybe by God. Is there a better way?

Well, the beginning of a better way can sometimes be found in confirmation class at St. Paul. For there we try not to bounce around between extremes, but to share our highs and lows together. Just take life as it comes and offer it to God. Be real. God does the rest.

We'll see what the hurricane does, or the hail. Or what the sunshine does, or the beauty of the day. But the real action is what God doing as we share it together. Let's be open to that reality!

Pastor Mark

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**in Honor of their 9th Wedding Anniversary
and**

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72nd Anniversary**



Congratulations on your anniversaries and Thank You for your Sponsorship!!

The 2020 Sponsor sign-up sheet has been posted. If you have a major event you would like to honor by your sponsorship, be sure to sign up early to get the month you want. Thank you!

Come one, come all!

The entire community is invited to

Worship in the Park

and our

Christian Education Kickoff

and Family Fun Day on

Sunday, September 15, 2019

beginning at 9:30am.

**Please come and join us for worship,
fellowship, fun and games at the Park!**

Free-will offering for lunch.

See you there!



St. Paul Lutheran Church Council Minutes for August 21, 2019

Jamie called the meeting to order. Council shared life/faith inventory stories with each other. Members present were Pastor Mark, Jamie Schultis, Darin Weers, Allen Roelfs, and Tyler Wolken. The minutes were reviewed. Allen moved to accept the revised minutes and Darin seconded. Minutes were approved.

Treasurer's Report

Allen reported that the balance in the account was \$4,124.42. This is the balance after paying Norris and SolutionOne. Allen reported that there has been some very generous donations lately and very appreciative of everyone giving. All of the funds have been transferred over to the Odell State Bank.

Memorial Treasurer's Report

Darin reported that the account has been closed at the Heartland Bank in Fairbury and everything has been transferred to Odell. The current balance in the account is \$13,319.60.

Pastor's Report

3 hospital calls, 1 records meeting, 1 youth planning meeting, 3 text studies, 1 cluster meeting, 1 Synod consultation in Sioux City, 1 Envision team meeting, 1 Christian Ed meeting (Aug. 4), 1 new member meeting, 1 meeting with Jamie, 1 meeting at American in Filley (Wednesday program), 4 home communions, and 4 worship services. Confirmation/Youth study will meet next Wednesday Aug. 28

Vice Chairman Report

Jamie wanted give a thank you to members of the Outreach and Communication committee who went and visited the Filley church to get ideas about the Wednesday evening Sunday school program. Those who went were Jane Pretzer, Ardith Barber, Jill Bergmeier, Pastor Mark, Jamie Schultis, and Darin Weers. The new shingles have arrived. Look to see the roof being under construction in the days to come. As a reminder, Council will be meeting with Megan Morrow on August 29 to have a Healthy Communication workshop.

Committee Reports

Christian Education - This committee is partnering with the Communication and Outreach committee to develop an afterschool Wednesday evening program that would take the place of normal Sunday school for youth. This is in hopes of reaching more youth in the community and involving more youth at St. Paul.

Communication Outreach - This group did meet prior to Council. They discussed the possibility of having a healing service and having communion twice a month or every Sunday (Ideas only at this time). Ardith Barber also brought up the idea of having a Mission Sunday. This committee is new and is looking for ideas and ways they can help serve this church and its' members. If you have any ideas or concerns, please contact Jamie, Darin, or any other committee representative.

Music and Worship - This committee met 8/21 prior to the council meeting. They discussed having more regular special music participation. (i.e. adult choir, groups, youth, mixed groups) If you would like to participate, please get in touch with Ardith Barber, Pastor Mark or anyone else on this committee.

Memorial - Darin has been in touch with Hartig Electric. He is looking at having them come down to the church and get a hard bid on the planned lighting project. As part of this project this group is also looking into having LED bulbs put in toward the front of the church. More info to come!

Property- Fairbury Glass has been notified and will be fixing the weather strip between the two doors in the main Sunday school room. Doug Schmidt did adjust a few doors in the church to allow for better ease of access. Doug also helped repair a small leak that was in the parsonage bathroom. Thank you Doug for your service!

Old Business—N/A

New Business

- Vision Statement Committee met July 31st and finalized their vision and mission statements for St. Paul. The mission statement that the committee came up with was, "To open our hearts and doors to share God's promise by transforming lives through our commitment and discipleship to Jesus Christ." The vision statement is bullet pointed, "1) Pray regularly 2) Study scripture and 3) Learn to hear God's voice". These statements were well received by council. These will be shared at the next Sunday service 8/25 and be published in the bulletin and newsletter. Allen moved to accept the new mission/vision statements. Darin seconded. Motion passed.

- Peggy Hemphill, Marla Weichel, and Jane Pretzer have agreed to volunteer to update and keep current church records for St. Paul. This will include baptisms, confirmations, voting, communion, and etc. Along with this, Council will review the by-laws to see qualifications of who is considered a voting member.

- Pastor Mark has two students who can't make it to Wednesday evenings for confirmation. Pastor and Council agreed that both student/parent/and Pastor make an effort to schedule a day that works for all parties.

- Allen did report that the air conditioner in the parsonage may need to be replaced because of discontinuing feature on it. Council will look into replacing the unit this fall.

- Sunday service in the park has been set for September 15 which is the 3rd Sunday in September.

- Pastor and Council are looking for a date in September to have new member Sunday. Watch for updates!

- The Outreach and Communication committee is planning on meeting with couples, families, and individuals to discuss grievances with the church and find solution(s) and build healthier relationships for the future.

Council will have their next meeting Wednesday September 18th at 7:30PM. All church committees are welcomed and encouraged to meet at 6:30PM prior to the meeting. If you are not on a committee and would like to join, we would love to have you attend September 18 or get a hold of a council member to discuss joining a committee. Allen moved to adjourn the meeting and Jamie seconded. Motion passed. The meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer.

~ Tyler Wolken, Council Secretary

TREASURER'S REPORT

General Fund Balance as of 8/18/2019

Bills Due by end of August

\$ 367.14

Norris PP 339.00

Solution One 144.89

Total Due: \$ 483.89



Last Month: July

Current	\$ 9,969.20
Benevolence	773.60
World Hunger	525.00
Specials	<u>100.00</u>
TOTAL	\$ 11,367.80

Current Month: August

Current	\$ 2,942.60
Benevolence	120.65
World Hunger	0.00
Specials	<u>100.00</u>
TOTAL	\$ 3,063.25

We need \$10,111.21 in CURRENT per month to meet the 2019 budget.

Study ^{the} Bible
with us



Eunice Circle

Eunice Circle met on August 12, 2019 at 1:30pm. Linda Behrends led our Bible Study, "For just such a time as this." "Using Our Voices." When we, like Esther, nurture our Faith, our God-given voices flourish.

Our study texts from Esther – Chapter 9 and Chapter 10:1-3.

We opened with prayer and Hymn, "O God our Help in Ages Past." We closed with prayer and Hymn, "Rise Up, O Saints of God!" and The Lord's Prayer.

Norma called our meeting to order. Minutes were read and approved. Pastor Mark and four (4) members answered Roll Call. Our offering was \$13.00.

Old Business: Distribution to members to program material for WELCA Unit Meeting, August 6 at 7pm. Work Days were July 23rd and 30th.

New Business: Work Day is August 27th.

After Grace, Cleo Perkins served refreshments.

Next Eunice Circle meeting will be September 9, 2019 at 1:30pm, September book. Norma Banahan will be Study Leader.

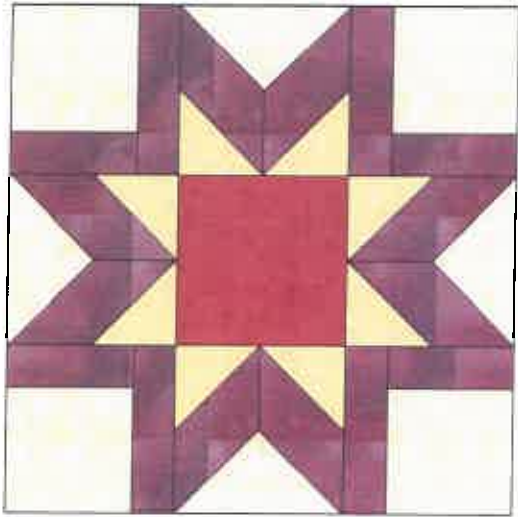
Irene Gibson, Recorder

Synod Road Show

A few people from our area attended the "Nebraska Synod Road Show" Which was held August 24th in Adams from 8:30am – 3:30pm. The goal of the "Road Show" was to share goals and mission dreams of our congregations, faith stories, meet with Synod Staff and do a workshop or two. A report was not available at press time, so please look for a summary or report in a future issue.



Mission Work Day



Many quilts have been completed for Lutheran World Relief. On July 23, eight quilts were tied, and with only two women working til 11:30 on July 30, four more quilts were completed.

Thank you to all the willing hands who help in any way, and to all who make donations and keep us in supplies. It is a joy to have the means to help others. We will work again on August 27 and September 24. On our work day, October 29, we will box the quilts and get them ready for delivery to LWR the first part of November.

Thanks Be To God

Women of the ELCA Unit Meeting August 6, 2019

Pres Ardith Barber opened our evening unit meeting with warm welcomes. Nine women and pastor attended. Eunice Circle started the meeting off with a program topic of "Living in Grace." As always their presentation was most interesting, thought provoking, and reminded us that God freely gives to us the "Gift of Grace." This Grace gives us a freedom from fear, in knowing we are headed to the foot of the cross with nothing but his Grace."

Treas Jeanette Bures updated us on the record of financial activity since last meeting, with a \$356.76 ending balance. Noteworthy transactions include: Freewill offerings income-\$244.00 for Backpack school kits & \$80.00 for Warren's Table. Expense payments- \$91.63 for Landscaping & a \$50.00 gift card for the Senioettes, who entertained us at Spring Salad Supper. Irene Gibson presented a bill for \$166.98 for school supplies to fill backpack/book bags. Discussion followed of book bags still needing to be purchased as well as diapers & soap for Layette Kits

Jean Bures reported that the Warren's Table Supper had proceeded well as usual, but that it was the last one. Discussion noted we had been serving Spring and Fall for a many number of years, with Cleo Perkins and Betty Damrow promoting & handling it. These last years, the organizing & getting it done was Jeanette Bures and Jill Scheele with the Youth Group serving. Jeanette also reported that there is a long waiting list of organizations and groups wanting and ready to serve! Everyone felt it had been a worthy service project and commended all those who served in any way to accomplish this!

Officers elections will come at next meeting – Robbyn Roelfs will retire so we need a volunteer to fill her position. **Please consider volunteering!! Next Meeting Thursday November 7th at 1:00 PM.** Offering was collected. Robbyn served refreshments and our meeting was closed with prayer read in unison.

*One of the happiest moments in life is
when you find the courage to
let go of what you cannot change!*

Respectfully submitted,
Robbyn Roelfs

On August 25th, St. Paul's Youth began their year with a meeting and pizza party at the Parsonage. Darin and Kendra Weers are the new Youth Group sponsors and wanted to start off the year with some fun.

The Youth will lead the worship service on October 27 and the "Hanging of the Greens" service and instead of every month leading the worship, they will help more with the Christmas Program and other Christian Education events and needs.

The next youth event will be "Frolfing" (Frisbee Golf) on Sunday, September 8 from 5-7pm. Next Youth meeting at the parsonage will be September 29th.



CROSS WALK

Connect your child/children to the Power of God by attending **St. Paul Lutheran Church Christian Education Program.** Cross Walk will include Bible stories, Snack time, Game time and Christian songs (very similar to Vacation Bible School).

Who: All children ages PK-6th grade are welcome to attend.

When: Wednesdays, October 2 – April 29

Where: St. Paul Lutheran Church

Time: 3:40-5:00 *Cross Walk pickup time will be between 5:00-5:15.

How will my student get there?

A group of students with adult supervision will walk from Diller-Odell Elementary to the church to Cross Walk.

Registration will be available on the St. Paul Facebook page. Please join us in touching lives of children in our community with the Power of God by volunteering. The volunteer sheet will also be available on the St. Paul Facebook page and at the church.

***Wednesday night Cross Walk will be in lieu of Sunday School after church. All children are welcome to attend!**

TALENTED YOUTH

St. Paul Lutheran Youth have been VERY busy over the summer. At left, Samantha Clifford is recognized for being chosen by the Diller American Legion to attend Girls State in June. Congratulations, Sam, on this wonderful honor!

At right, Jady Schultis was selected as first runner-up at the Miss Jefferson County Pageant at the County Fair in July. Congratulations, Jady, on your amazing achievement!

Below are some other pictures from our Youth participating in the County and State Fairs. Congratulations to all on your efforts and achievements!!



Rev. Dr. Delmar and Phyllis Celebrations

Rev. Dr. Delmar and Phyllis Wiemers had a big celebration on August 3 honoring their 65th Wedding Anniversary, their 85th Birthdays and Pastor Delmar's 58th Anniversary of Ordination.

The many major milestones were celebrated at a reception at the community building which was provided by their children, Cheryl, Patricia, Elizabeth and Grant and their families.

Congratulations Pastor and Phyllis!



Congratulations to Melvin and Jean Weers, whose grandson Ethan Weers was married to Lexi Dick on August 17 in Beatrice.

May God bless every day of your marriage!

Labors of Love *(from The NewsletterNewsletter)*

Thomas Merton, an American monk, writer and social activist, said, "It is in the ordinary duties and labors of life that the Christian can and should develop his spiritual union with God." As the United States observes Labor Day, may we find meaning not simply in marking summer's end but in celebrating the ways nearly all "duties and labors of life" can empower ministry and faith.

Whether as a dentist, parent, artist, teacher, mechanic, gardener, city councilor, farmer, day laborer, attorney or anything else, a Christian can begin each workday or shift by praying for opportunities to serve whoever they'll encounter. We also can pray for and seek ways to grow in "spiritual union with God": cultivating spiritual fruits; actively loving God and neighbor; seeing Jesus in the vulnerable; practicing humility, gratitude and praise.

In Labor Day, may we find inspiration to make all our labors loving and faithful!



LABOR DAY

We pray for the following church members and those in need:

Cindy Bartlett

Jeff St. Peter *(Cousin of Kendra K Weers) who continues to recover from a devastating accident*

Our Church Council *as they lead our congregation through a challenging time*
Our Country *in the wake of major weather and societal events*

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:

Betty and Franklin Damrow, Richard Schnuelle, Margery Keefover, Eden Lottman and Skylar Folkers



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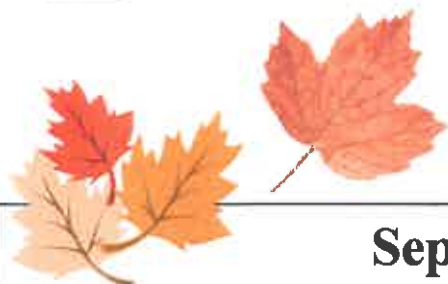
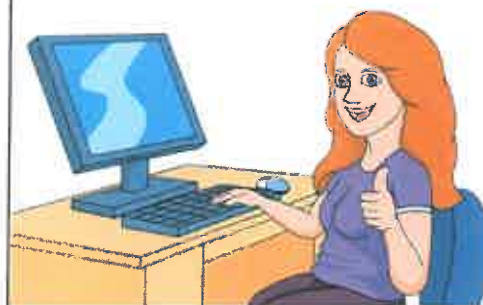
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From the Editor

Please Help!!

I, like everyone else, try to make no errors while making this publication, but alas, I am like everyone else and not perfect. If you see an error in a name spelling, incorrect date, incorrect person, etc., **PLEASE let me know** so it can be acknowledged and corrected for future articles and editions. Anything incorrect is not intended and it won't hurt my feelings to be corrected. Thank you!

Have a church – related article of interest? Submit it to the staff (Me)... I will do everything I can to include it in the next Newscaster. Only church-related or church member articles, please. (If it is not church-related or about a church member, it will not be included, sorry)



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY



September Wedding Anniversaries

September 1, 1967

☛ Mr. & Mrs. Jim and Jeanette Bures

September 5, 2010

☛ Mr. & Mrs. Trevor White

September 5, 2010

☛ Mr. & Mrs. Scott and Linda Beran

September 29, 1968

☛ Mr. & Mrs. David and Leana Lottman

September 7, 1947

☛ Mr. & Mrs. Franklin & Betty Damrow



September Birthdays



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|---------------------|-----------------------|------------------------|
| 1 Gail Engelman | 12 Clayton Spilker | 20 Hollie Crawford |
| 1 Cassandra Lottman | 12 Draedyn Sasse | 21 Angie Clifford |
| 4 Jacki Smith | 13 Richard Schnuelle | 23 Ann Parde |
| 5 Riley Sasse | 14 Norman Balderson | 23 Christopher Schmidt |
| 6 Cathy Lyons | 14 Ryan Nippert | 24 Skylar Pretzer |
| 7 Jamie Schultis | 14 Reid Rallis | 25 Alexis Parde |
| 8 Tim Scheele | 16 Charles Barber | 25 Tori Smith |
| 9 Betty Damrow | 16 Cheryl Denner | 26 Kay Taylor |
| 10 Guilford Wiemers | 17 Cindy Bartlett | 26 Kevin Sasse |
| 10 Andrew Graves | 17 B.J. Stein | 26 Matthew Nippert |
| 11 Shawn Lottman | 17 Shannon Stein | 27 David Lottman |
| 11 Aubrey Roelfs | 18 Robbyn Roelfs | 30 Kristen Hennerberg |
| | 19 Kelsay Schlichtman | |



September 1 Sunday Worship Service
 With Holy Communion
 Worship Assistant, Jim Damrow
 Greeter, Jim Bures

September 8 Sunday Worship Service
 Worship Assistant, Jamie Schultis
 Greeter, Dean Pretzer

September 15 Sunday Worship Service
 Worship Assistant, Brian Weers
 Greeter, Charles Barber

September 22 Sunday Worship Service
 Worship Assistant, Kendra K Weers
 Greeter, Jim Damrow

September 29 Sunday Worship Service
 Worship Assistant, David/Sherry Henrichs
 Greeter, Jim Bures



October 6 Sunday Worship Service
 With Holy Communion *First Communion*
 Worship Assistant, David Henrichs
 Greeter, Dennis Nippert



Brett Landenberger Chad Lottman
 Doug Lottman Don Meyer

Dennis Nippert Tanner Parde
 Dean Pretzer Scott Pretzer

Allen Roelfs Adam Roelfs
 Dean Roelfs B.J. Stein

Kevin Sasse Karter Sasse
 Riley Sasse Tim Scheele

Volunteers

Jonathan Schmidt
 Christopher Schmidt
 Doug Schmidt Jamie Schultis



Cole Ebeling

Brennan Schultis

Joely Weers

Madeline Parde

Keira Hennerberg

David Parde



Pastor Mark

Sheri Schultis

Kristen Heidemann

Cheryl Denner

David/Sherry Henrichs

Pastor Mark



Leatha Christ
 Sondra Germer

Judy DeBoer
 Courtney Lottman

Judy Garton
 Annette Garton

Peggy Hemphill
 Jean Weers




Angie Clifford
 Holli Pretzer

Jan Gold
 Radene Beran

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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	
<p><i>Red Hymnal</i> 1 Worship Service 9:30 AM Holy Communion</p>	<p>2  LABOR Day</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4 SUNDAY SCHOOL 10:30 AM Confirmation Parents Night 7:00pm</p>	<p>5</p>	<p>6</p>	<p>7</p>	
<p><i>Blue Hymnal</i> 8 Worship Service 9:30 AM  Youth Frisbee Golf 5pm</p>	<p>9 <i>Eunice Circle</i> 1:30pm</p>	<p>10</p>	<p>11  Patriot Day Confirmation Service Project at Gardenside 6:30pm</p>	<p>12</p>	<p>13</p>	<p>14</p>	
<p>15 Worship In The Park 9:30 AM CHRISTIAN ED KICKOFF CELEBRATION WITH FREE-WILL OFFERING MEAL  Christian Education</p>	<p>16</p>	<p>17</p>	<p>18 Council Meeting* 8:00pm *Please check bulletin for date and time</p>	<p>19</p>	<p>20 <div style="border: 1px solid red; padding: 2px; color: red; text-align: center;"> Newscaster items due </div></p>	<p>21</p>	
<p><i>Blue Hymnal</i> 22 Worship Service 9:30 AM</p>	<p>23  HAPPY FALL</p>	<p>24 Work Day All Day</p>	<p>25 Confirmation 7:00pm</p>	<p>26</p>	<p>27 WELCA AUTUMN RENEWAL REGISTRATION DUE</p>	<p>28 First Communion and Acolyte Class 10am</p>	
<p><i>Red Hymnal</i> 29 Worship Service 9:30 AM Youth Meeting 6:30 at Parsonage</p>	<p>30</p>	<p>First Communion Sunday, October 6</p> <p>CROSS WALK (New "Sunday School") Begins Wednesday, Oct. 2</p>					



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