

# St. Paul's Newscaster



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## Hope, Jefferson County Style

This past week a couple of our church council members were going through a bunch of old paperwork that's been sitting in our file cabinets for years. Some interesting things were found, but of particular interest to me was a book called "*Wider Grows the Kingdom*", a history of some 70 churches that had existed in Jefferson County up until 1967. It was published by the Jefferson County Centennial Committee.

Some of the histories are boring lists of pastors and building projects. Some are much more interesting and to my mind more candid and honest. Here we find stories of sacrifice and service, along with conflict and division. Some churches lasted, others did not.

But I would like to share with you the conclusions of the editor in the preface to this history. His name is James L. Green, and I don't even know if he is still with us. But here is his summary of what he learned as he put this little history of Jefferson County Churches together. Rarely have I heard a better expression of Christian hope. Take a little time with it, if you can. Remember, he wrote this in 1967.

*"A wide range of theological differences are represented, but there is here (in the book) little evidence of the shifts in theology which have taken place since Christianity came to Jefferson County. **Although some of the churches have been established for nearly one hundred years, the sermons, anthems, liturgy and other evidences of Christian beliefs from the last century, even from as recently as World War II, will not be found in these churches today.** This is Christian history and it is a living religion. Knowing that it will change again and again; hoping that it will grow and develop; and observing that there is but one faith expressed with countless differences; we offer this history of the church in Jefferson County."*

*James L. Green, editor; "Wider Grows the Kingdom"*

Thank you, James L. Green, for showing the truth that in 1967, that the church had in so many ways died to the old and was rising to the new; for showing us how God has been with us and active among us all along. Hope, Jefferson County style.

Pastor Mark

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# NEWS LETTER STARTS

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## **Newscaster Reporters**

Church Council – Jean Schmidt    Treasurer – Marcy Barber  
WELCA – Robbyn Roelfs    Eunice Circle – Irene Gibson    Work Day – Norma Banahan  
Sunday School – Cheryl Denner

Worship Committee – Council    Mutual Ministry Committee - Council  
Birthdays & Anniversaries – Judy DeBoer  
WELCA Coffee List – Jan Gold    Acolyte List – Pastor Mark Liscom  
Usher List – Sherry Henrichs



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### ***Please Help!!***

We are in **urgent** need for two volunteers to go to Synod Assembly in Kearney on June 1 - 3 and represent our congregation.

Help keep our congregation “in the loop” with our Synod, plus it’s informative and FUN!!

At the Assembly, our Pastor will be honored for his 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of rostered ministry.

Please let Pastor Mark know if you are able to attend.

## ***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 24** (*if you want your picture and info in the June-July Newscaster*), and the information needed is the name (*First, Middle, Last*) of the graduate, parents’ or grandparents’ (**ONLY**) names, name of school, school colors, degree earned and future plans. Please submit wallet-sized pictures or email to [kweers10@gmail.com](mailto:kweers10@gmail.com). Thanks!!

# St. Paul Lutheran Church Council Minutes for April 19, 2017

Pastor Mark opened the meeting with prayer and conversation/devotion on "How do we get more people to attend church services?" Members present were Charles Barber, Marcy Barber, David Henrichs, Cindy Lottman, Allen Roelfs, and Jean Schmidt. Minutes from the March meeting were reviewed. David moved to accept and Marcy seconded. Motion passed.

A correction was made to the printed newscaster minutes reported for the January 18, 2017, meeting. The newscaster reported that Jeanette Bures was present, but the council secretary's minutes did not report her at the meeting. A correction was also made to the printed newscaster minutes reported for the March 15, 2017, meeting. The newscaster reported that Scott Beran was present, but the council secretary's minutes did not report him at the meeting.

## Treasurer's Report

Marcy reported that the current balance is \$99.47. A bill from Stanton and the April Portico needs to be paid. Jean moved to accept and Cindy seconded. Motion passed.

## Memorial Treasurer's Report

Allen reported that the current balance is \$18,079.18. Two checks have been deposited to the account. The church sign has not yet been ordered. The memorial committee is still looking at options before making a final decision. David moved to accept and Jean seconded. Motion passed.

## Pastor's Report

4 worship services, 3 Lenten services, 1 Seder Meal, 1 Good Friday service, 2 Easter services, 2 confirmation classes, 3 home communions, 3 text studies, 1 youth meeting, 4 choir rehearsals, 1 Cluster meeting, 1 wedding. No mileage.

- Christian Education Committee needs to organize for Vacation Bible School. A meeting needs to be held.
- The new Wi-Fi is working better. However, it does not work as well in the back areas.

## New Business

- The flower beds have been cleaned up and worked on by Donna and Jim Damrow. They look great. Thank You!
- At this year's Synod Convention on June 1, 2017, Pastor Mark Liscom will be honored for his 25 years of rostered ministry.
- Charles reported that volunteers to mow have been arranged for the season. However, if anyone wants to add their name to the list, contact him to let him know.
- David reported that some individuals for assistant minister have decided to no longer volunteer. This is creating a shortage. If anyone wants to add their name to the list, contact him to let him know.
- David reported that individuals are also needed to volunteer to help run the sound system. If anyone wants to assist with this, they should contact a council member.
- Discussion was held on the Easter service schedule. Is it possible to coordinate the times so both services could have breakfast? Feedback is needed from the congregation and worship committee before any decision can be made.
- Pastor Mark would like to become involved in the transformation ministry group. It is a Synod group developed to work with the Pastor, council, and congregation for its needs.
- Pastor Mark would like to try to present some interactive sermons this summer. He is still working on this idea.

The next council meeting will be on Wednesday, May 17, 2017, at 8:00 p.m. Marcy made a motion to adjourn and Allen seconded. Motion passed. The meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Jean Schmidt, Council Secretary

## TREASURER'S REPORT

<b>General Fund Balance as of 4/18/2017</b>		<b>\$ 893.32</b>
Bills Due by end of April	April Portico	\$ 3,893.20
	Stanton Propane	761.60
	<b>Total Due:</b>	<b>\$ 4,654.80</b>



<i>Last Month: March</i>		<i>Current Month: April</i>	
Current	\$ 7,470.62	Current	\$ 8,483.40
Benevolence	837.90	Benevolence	793.85
World Hunger	25.00	World Hunger	0.00
Specials	35.00	Specials	0.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 8,368.52</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 9,277.25</b>

**We need \$11,984.57 in CURRENT per month to meet the 2017 budget.**



## WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

## Eunice Circle

Eunice Circle met on April 10, 2017 at 1:30pm. Norma Banahan led the Bible study. "Galatians – Christian Faith and Christian Freedom – For Freedom Christ has set us free." What does it mean to love our neighbors as ourselves? Our Christian Freedom empowers us to embrace the ministry of reconciliation. For both Paul and Luther, freedom in Christ means living life in service to others.

Theme verse was Galatians 5:25. The text was from Galatians 5:1-6:18. Also, John 8:31-36 and Romans 12:21. Irene read the article reflection.

We opened with a prayer and Hymn, "Lift High the Cross" and closed with prayer and Hymn, "For Freedom, Christ Has Set Us Free." We prayed The Lord's Prayer.

Norma called our meeting to order. Minutes were read and approved. Six (6) members answered Roll Call. Our offering was \$17.00.

Old Business: Southeast Conference Spring Gathering will be Saturday, March 18 at Christ Lutheran Church in Pickrell, Nebraska, 8:15am – 3:00pm. Spring Salad Supper will be Sunday, April 23<sup>rd</sup> at 5:30pm. Work Day is on March 28<sup>th</sup>.

New Business: Spring Salad Supper will be on Sunday, April 23<sup>rd</sup> at 5:30pm. Work Day will be on April 25<sup>th</sup>. Donations for Warren's Community Table and School Kits are still needed.

After Grace, Marla Weichel served refreshments.

Next Eunice Circle meeting will be May 8, 2017 at 1:30pm, May book. Irene Gibson will lead the Bible Study.

- Irene Gibson, Recorder

## Mission Work Day

Seven women worked all or part of April 25 assembling 10 quilts. They'll be hammed at home. Fabrics are taken home and sized, ready to be put together. It always seems we have a lot of material for the day, and boxes are nearly empty when we finish. It takes a LOT of material. We couldn't do it without donations of all kinds, thanks to all who remember us.

A bed covering and an afghan have been given to Hope Crisis Center, they appreciate some items we know are useable as they are.

May has five Tuesdays, so we'll work the 23<sup>rd</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup>. Consider joining us.

God's Work. Our Hands.





## St. Paul WELCA Salad Supper

Bouquets of colorful spring flowers and a wide array of salads greeted those attending St. Paul's annual WELCA Spring Salad Supper on Sunday evening, April 23. A fresh spring bouquet of flowers, courtesy of Virginia Lottman graced the salad table.

President Jane Pretzer extended the welcome to the 32 ladies present. Pastor Mark offered Grace. Following the meal St. Paul ladies introduced their guests.

Secretary Robbyn Roelfs presided when 2016 Prayer Partners were revealed followed by the drawing of 2017 Prayer Partners. If anyone is interested in having a Prayer Partner please contact the WELCA officers.

Words of appreciation were extended to Vice-President Linda Beran for providing the table decorations and Peggy Hemphill and Radene Beran for volunteering as kitchen helpers.

The program "A Holy Land Travelogue" was presented by Jane Pretzer. Slides were shown and Jane gave a travelogue narration of the sites visited on their recent trip to Israel and Jordan.

Jane closed the evening with special thoughts about friends: Every true friend is a gift of God. It's one of Life's best blessings, a priceless gift than can never be bought, sold or forgotten.

Special thanks to those attending and for providing the delicious salads. The evenings' blessings included tasty salads, laughter and special fellowship with amazing friends.



### St. Paul Women of the ELCA Unit Meeting

Wednesday, May 17, 7:00 p.m.

Pastor Mark will lead a Bible Study  
"A Mother's Love"

All Women of the Church are Encouraged to attend



# Holy Week at St Paul Lutheran

Holy Week services were held  
Sunday, April 9 through  
Easter, April 16.

Palm Sunday had several children waving the Palms at the beginning of the worship service.

Maundy-Thursdays services had good attendance for the Seder Meal. The confirmation kids helped serve the meal and many members helped prepare the lamb, soup, charoseth and boiled eggs. The service would not be as meaningful without our volunteers! Thank You!!



Good Friday left us with a thoughtful message and a stark reminder of how Jesus died.



Easter Sunday had beautiful Easter Lilies and the joyous message that Jesus is Alive! Donors and their designations are listed below.



Our Youth served a delicious breakfast after the Sunrise Service for all to enjoy. Thank you for a wonderful meal and time of fellowship!

The Confirmation Class of 2017 blessed both services with the song, "Alleluia" by Mozart, and the adult choir shared the song, "All Because of Jesus." The music made the services very special.



## Easter Lilies

Easter Lilies beautifully decorated our church sanctuary for Easter services. A BIG Thank You goes to all who provided an Easter Lily. There were a few plants left at church that have since been donated.

Easter Lilies were donated by:

Brian and Kendra K Weers, Brianna and Joely  
Dean and Beth Roelfs  
Judy DeBoer and Family  
Irene Gibson  
The Family of Larry Sasse  
Robbyn Roelfs  
Irene Gibson  
Melvin and BethLee Beran  
The Family of Ed Behrends

In Loving Memory of Angie Weers and Imogene Cummins  
In Celebration of God's Blessings  
In Memory of Alfred DeBoer and Emil and Martha DeBoer  
In Loving Memory of Eleanora Bunting  
In His Loving Memory  
In Memory of Stan Roelfs  
In Loving Memory of Karl Bunting  
In Memory of Nancy Lillie, Bill and Grace Baumfalk and Emil and Elsie Beran  
In His Loving Memory





## SEWING FOR BACKPACKS

A workday to "Sew Backpacks" for the Lutheran World Relief Kits is planned for Thursday, May 25 at 1:30pm. We will be sewing backpacks together and cutting rope. Please bring a portable sewing machine if you have one, and fabric scissors.

At the last SFBP work day on April 20, six people attended and 55 backpacks were cut out. If you would like more information, please contact Linda Beran.

Everyone is welcome!

## SCHOOL KITS

*This year, rather than item donations, we would appreciate cash donations in order to purchase the needed items in order to help prevent duplication.*

*Donations can be given to Irene Gibson.  
Your support of this project is greatly appreciated!*



## UPCOMING YOUTH ACTIVITIES

**Warren's Community Table** – we will be serving on Tuesday, May 9 at 5pm.  
**Youth Meeting** – Sunday, May 21 at the Parsonage at 6:30pm.

Please mark your calendars – hope to see you all there!

*Neil and Sue Meyer are the proud Grandparents of twins --- Hudson Pierce and Aiden Myles were born March 1, 2017 to Kyle and Courtney (Meyer) Schlake of Pickrell.*

*Two angels, sent from Heaven above, double the blessings and twice the Love!!! Congratulations!!!*

*Virginia Lottman is the proud Great-Grandmother of a Great- Grandson, Bieu John Gronewold, born April 25, 2017. Parents are Josh and Linsey (Carpenter) Gronewold of Pickrell. Bieu was welcomed home by sisters, Sadie, age five and Devyn, age three. Grandparents are Robert and Susie Carpenter of Diller.*

*A Baby is a Blessing, a Gift from Heaven above, a precious little Angel to cherish and to Love!  
Congratulations!*



*In Our  
Thoughts  
and Prayers*



*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:*

*Toby Fritzen, Richard Schnuelle, Kay Taylor, Kaye Schlake, Dylan Nippert, Eden Lottman, Mallory Helton and Skylar Folkers*



# St. Paul Lutheran Confirmation April 30, 2017



Confirmation at St. Paul Lutheran took place on Sunday, April 30, 2017.

On the left, the confirmands sing "Shine, Jesus Shine" for the Congregation.  
On the Right, Jane Pretzer and Linda Beran present the confirmands with their prayer books.

In the center, our Confirmands for 2017 are (as pictured above, left to right)  
Brianna Weers, Addison Heidemann, Tori Smith and Jadyn Schultis.

*Congratulations to all of you!*

## HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

### May Wedding Anniversaries

May 1, 1981

☞ Mr. & Mrs. Gail & Brenda Engelman

May 15, 1960

☞ Mr. & Mrs. Kenneth Landenberger

May 20, 1978

☞ Mr. & Mrs. Keith & Cindy Bartlett

May 24, 1980

☞ Mr. & Mrs. Douglas & Glenda Spilker

May 24, 1991

☞ Mr. & Mrs. Jim & Cathy Lyons

May 25, 1974

☞ Mr. & Mrs. Steve & Peggy Hemphill

May 31, 1969

☞ Mr. & Mrs. Howard & Linda Behrends



### May Birthdays

2	Virginia Lottman	21	Christian McCown
2	Jan Liscom	23	Jane Pretzer
4	John Garcia	24	Elizabeth Roelfs
6	Eldean Banahan	24	Radene Beran
14	Addison Heidemann	24	Hayden Nutsch
15	Devin Garcia	25	Norris Gold
15	Calvin Hennerberg	25	Jean Schmidt
15	Camille Hennerberg	27	Melvin Beran
15	David Parde	29	Douglas Spilker
17	Caleb Schultis	29	Crystal Snyder
19	Dennis Nippert	30	Chase Whitehead
19	Sheila Goldsberry	30	Spencer Schmidt
20	Joseph Henrichs		

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**May 7 Sunday Worship Service**

**with Holy Communion**

**Worship Assistant, Brian Weers**

**Greeter, Dean Pretzer**

**May 14 Sunday Worship Service**

**Happy Mother's Day**

**Worship Assistant, Diane Wellsandt**

**Greeter, Charles Barber**

**May 21 Sunday Worship Service**

**Worship Assistant, Jim Damrow**

**Greeter, Dennis Nippert**

**May 28 Sunday Worship Service**

**Worship Assistant, Dennis Hennerberg**

**Greeter, Franklin Damrow**



**June 4 Sunday Worship Service**

**with Holy Communion**

**Worship Assistant, Kendra K. Weers**

**Greeter, Jim Damrow**



Doug Schmidt Spencer Schmidt

Jonathan Schmidt Christopher Schmidt

Tim Scheele Cody Scheele

Jesse Scheele B.J. Stein

Brian Weers Darin Weers

Melvin Weers Robert Weers

Bob Wellsandt Doyle Wolken

Charles Barber Dale Beran

Melvin Beran Scott Beran

Gary Bergmeier Jim Bures



Mallory Denner

Spencer Weers

Mallory Denner

Skylar Folkers

Mykah Folkers

Karii Heidemann

Ezekial Jones

Esdon Weers

Xavier Jones

Spencer Weers



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

Michele Engelman  
Jane Pretzer

Phyllis Wiemers  
Ann Parde

Beth Roelfs  
Stacy Roelfs

Jean Schmidt  
Julie Schmidt

Shannon Stein  
Stacy Schlichtman



Children's Sermon

Pastor Mark

Dave/Sherry  
Henrichs

Jean  
Schmidt

Beth Roelfs

Pastor Mark

# May 2017



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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>
 <p><b>MARK YOUR CALENDARS</b> St. Paul VBS will be June 5-9 from 9-1130am. Hope to see you there!</p>				 <p>NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER</p>		
<p>Red Hymnal <b>Worship Service 7</b> Holy Communion 9:30 AM</p>	<p><b>8</b> <i>Eunice Circle</i> 1:30pm</p>	<p><b>9</b> WARREN'S COMMUNITY TABLE Youth Project</p>	<p><b>10</b></p>	<p><b>11</b></p>	<p><b>12</b></p>	<p><b>13</b>  DILLER-ODELL GRADUATION</p>
<p>Blue Hymnal <b>Worship Service 14</b> 9:30 AM</p> <p>Happy  <i>Mother's Day</i></p>	<p><b>15</b></p>	<p><b>16</b></p>	<p><b>17</b> WELCA Unit Meeting 7pm  Council Meeting 7:30pm</p>	<p><b>18</b> </p>	<p><b>19</b></p>	<p><b>20</b>  ARMED FORCES DAY</p>
<p>Red Hymnal <b>Worship Service 21</b> 9:30 AM</p> <p>Youth Meeting 6:30 at Parsonage</p>	<p><b>22</b></p>	<p><b>23</b> <i>Work Day</i> All Day</p>	<p><b>24</b> <i>Newscaster items due</i></p>	<p><b>25</b> Ascension  Sewing for Backpacks 1:30pm</p>	<p><b>26</b></p>	<p><b>27</b></p>
<p>Blue Hymnal <b>Worship Service 28</b> 9:30 AM</p>	<p><b>29</b> <i>Memorial Day</i> </p>	<p><b>30</b> <i>Work Day</i> All Day</p>	<p><b>31</b></p>			



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