






# October 2021



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<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; display: inline-block;"> <b>First Communion Sunday, November 7</b> </div>						<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>
<p><i>Red Hymnal</i> <b>3</b> Worship Service Holy Communion 9:30 AM</p> 	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<p style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;"><b>CROSS WALK Christian Ed 4:00pm</b></p> <p>Confirmation 7:00pm</p>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	
<p><i>Blue Hymnal</i> <b>10</b> Worship Service 9:30 AM</p>	<b>11</b> <i>Eunice Circle 1:30pm</i>	<b>12</b>	<p style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;"><b>CROSS WALK Christian Ed 4:00pm</b></p> <p>Confirmation 7:00pm</p>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	
<p><i>Red Hymnal</i> <b>17</b> Worship Service 9:30 AM</p>  <p><b>Youth Meeting 6:30</b></p>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<p style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;"><b>CROSS WALK Christian Ed 4:00pm</b></p> <p>Committees/ Council Meetings 7/7:30pm</p>	<b>21</b> <i>Newscaster items due</i>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	
<p><i>Blue Hymnal</i> <b>24</b> Worship Service 9:30 AM</p>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> <b>Work Day All Day</b>	<p style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;"><b>CROSS WALK Christian Ed 4:00pm</b></p> <p>Confirmation 7:00pm</p>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	
<p><i>Red Hymnal</i> <b>31</b> Worship Service 9:30 AM <i>Reformation</i></p>  				<p>St. Paul Lutheran Church PO Box 37 Diller, NE 68342</p>			

**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!



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

*Worship Assistant, Diane Wellsandt  
Greeter, Dennis Nippert  
Ushers – Brian Weers, Darin Weers  
Coffee Service – Stacy Roelfs, Cleo Perkins*

**October 10 Sunday Worship Service**

*Worship Assistant, Brian Weers  
Greeter, Dean Pretzer  
Ushers – Bob Wellsandt, Tyler Wolken  
Coffee Service – Jane Pretzer, Jan Gold*

**October 17 Sunday Worship Service**

*Worship Assistant, Kendra K Weers  
Greeter, Charles Barber  
Ushers – Charles Barber, Dale Beran  
Coffee Service – Radene Beran, Norma Banahan*

**October 24 Sunday Worship Service**

*Worship Assistant, Diane Wellsandt  
Greeter, Gary Bergmeier  
Ushers – Melvin Beran, Scott Beran  
Coffee Service – Angie Clifford, Stacy Schlichtman*

**October 31 Sunday Worship Service**

*Worship Assistant, David Henrichs  
Greeter, Jim Bures  
Ushers – Gary Bergmeier, Jim Bures  
Coffee Service – Marcy Barber, Sondra Germer*

# NOVEMBER



**November 7 Sunday Worship Service  
With Holy Communion  
First Communion**

**All Saints Sunday and Memorial Dedication**

*Worship Assistant, Gary Bergmeier  
Greeter, Dennis Nippert  
Ushers – Chris Clifford, John Denner  
Coffee Service – Marla Weichel, Ann Parde*



## For love of animals



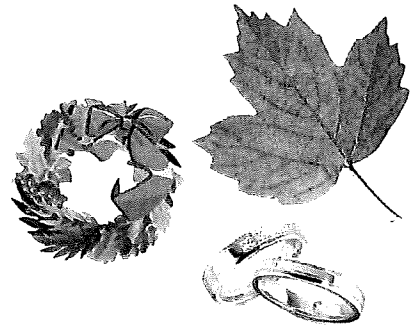
St. Francis of Assisi, known for his affection for animals, is honored on October 4. Some congregations observe this day by blessing pets, remembering that God pronounced animals — along with all creation — good. God saved not only Noah's family but animals of all kinds from the Flood. And despite Jonah's protests, God had compassion on Nineveh — "and [its] many animals" (Jonah 4:11). How intriguing that the prophet adds this point!

Care for all living creatures is clearly part of the divine character. Animals don't do anything to earn God's favor except be themselves. From this, we can learn that God pours out love unconditionally. As Psalm 36:6 (CEV) declares, "All people and animals are under your care."

~ Newsletter Newsletter, October 2021



# HAPPY ANNIVERSARY



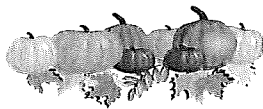
## October Wedding Anniversaries

October 2, 2004

☞ Mr. & Mrs. Shawn & Jill Lottman

October 10, 1998

☞ Mr. & Mrs. Chris & Stacy Schlichtman



## October Birthdays

# HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

1 Jeremy Meyer  
 1 Corina Lottman  
 2 Jill Scheele  
 2 Jill Holliger  
 2 Lance Lawton  
 4 Pastor Mark Liscom  
 4 Steve Fugett  
 6 Megan Langenberg  
 7 Jill Lottman  
 7 Cale Clifford  
 9 John Denner, Jr.  
 9 Sarah Meyer

9 Jarod Gold  
 9 Madeline Lottman  
 9 Valerie Lottman  
 10 Jeanette Bures  
 14 Jonathan Schmidt  
 15 Zachary Warren  
 15 Tynleigh Sasse  
 16 Kendra K Weers  
 17 David Duis  
 18 Phyllis Wiemers  
 18 Kevin Banahan

19 Josie Hennerberg  
 20 Marla Weichel  
 20 Bradley Hawkins  
 21 Scott Pretzer  
 22 Robert Weers  
 25 Janet Whitehead  
 26 Patrick Hemphill  
 27 Linda Beran  
 29 Dylan Nippert  
 31 Sheri Schultis  
 31 Samantha Clifford

## KIDS WILL DIG IN AT CROSSWALK

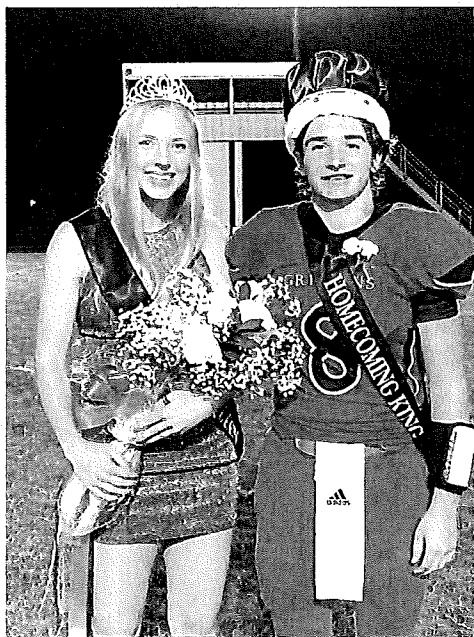
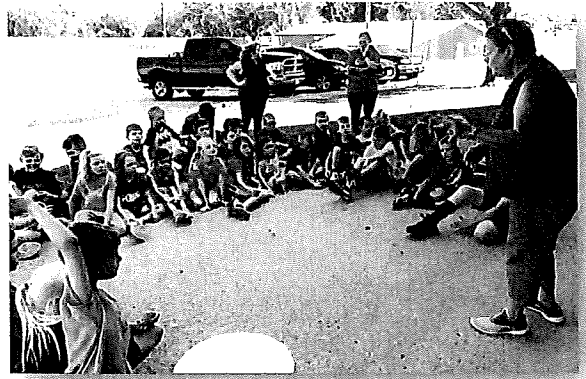
The students at this year's CrossWalk will be guided by a new curriculum called Dig-In. The lessons for 21/22 will focus on Epic Teachings of the Bible.

The first session was held on Sept. 15 with over 30 children joining in on the fun. We kicked off the year with a service project. With the guidance of Irene Gibson, the children helped to pack School Kits for Lutheran World Relief. Working together, the kids filled 18 bags with rulers, notebooks, pencils, pens, erasers, scissors and a pencil sharpener. During other stations the students had the chance to learn about schools from around the world, like one located on a boat. They also reflected on how these schools were alike and different from their own.

For the next 9 lessons the children will be studying the Fruits of the Spirit. A large tree has been created in the Christian Ed. room. We invite everyone to look at the tree weekly to see the fruit that is added. Each week's lesson includes a snack, opening, video, music, games and a Bible lesson. Several service projects have been planned, as well as Trunk-or-Treat and a family movie, slated for Dec. at the Bonham Theatre. Watch for further details.

Thanks to everyone for the donation of time, food and funds to sponsor this amazing program that is bring many children to God's house each week

*~ Submitted by Beth Roelfs  
Photos from Facebook Page*

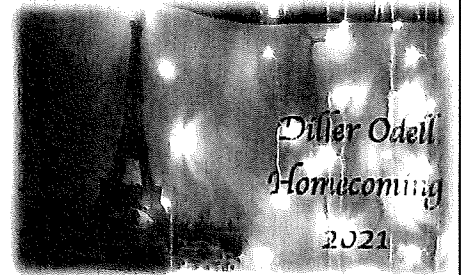


The Diller-Odell Homecoming game vs. the Lawrence-Nelson Raiders was on Friday, September 10. It was a hard-fought game that capped off a fun week of spirit activities.

Congratulations to Mallory Denner of St. Paul Lutheran for being crowned Homecoming Queen and Homecoming King was Cooper Ebeling, both of Diller.

Also in the Homecoming Court from St. Paul were Mykah Folkers, Ezekial Jones and Esdon Weers.

Congratulations to the team for a valiant effort and to the members of the Homecoming Court.



## HELP OTHERS KNOW GOD'S LOVE THROUGH OUR FALL COAT PROJECT

If you have any new or gently used coats, snow pants, coveralls, hats, gloves or scarves that you would like to donate to the local Coat Closet project at First Christian Church in Beatrice, bring your items to the church by Halloween. Hang donations on the west end of the coat rack in the front hall. Children's sizes through adult clothing are needed. Many teachers from area schools refer families to this program which distributes the items at NO CHARGE.

As you do some fall cleaning, consider supporting this worthwhile project.



St. Paul Lutheran has recently had several losses of loved ones. We pray that these families find comfort in God's healing peace.

Condolences to the family of Margery Keefover. Marge's celebration of life service was held at St. Paul Lutheran on Sept. 14, officiated by Pastor Mark Liscom.

She had been living in Oklahoma for the past year but remained a dear member and friend of the faith family in Diller. Our prayers are with all who are grieving the loss of someone dear.

We extend our sympathy to Linda and Joel Holtmeier. Linda's father LeRoy Folkerts of Beatrice passed away on September 5.

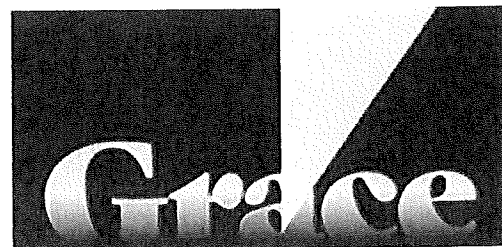
We reach out to Hunter Folkers and his family with sympathy. Hunter's grandmother, Opal Folkers of Fairbury, passed away August 30.

Also, please keep the family of Jane Pretzer in your prayers as her sister-in-law passed away recently in California.

## Grace – what a gift!

Grace strikes us when we are in great pain and restlessness. It strikes us when we walk through the dark valley of a meaningless and empty life. It strikes us when our disgust for our own being, our indifference, our weakness, our hostility, and our lack of direction and composure have become intolerable to us. It strikes us when, year after year, the longed-for perfection of life does not appear; when the old compulsions reign within us as they have for decades, when despair destroys all joy and courage.

Sometimes at that moment a wave of light breaks into our darkness, and it is as though a voice were saying: "You are accepted."



~ Paul Tillich, *The Newsletter Newsletter*, October 2021

# Family FunDay Sunday

September 12, 2021

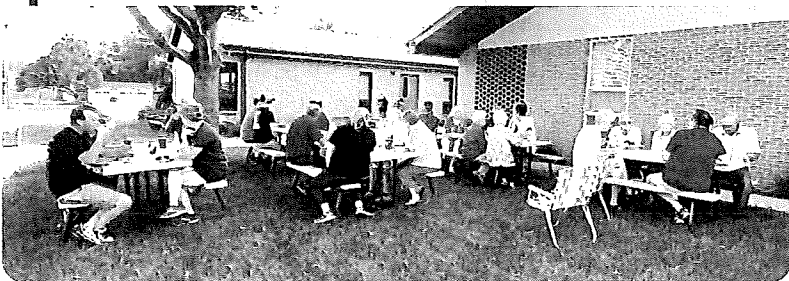
On September 12<sup>th</sup> a very successful Family Fun Day Sunday was enjoyed by approximately fifty St. Paul members and Crosswalk families. The afternoon began with Whiffle ball, Corn Hole and kid's games. Also, many just enjoyed time spent visiting.

Following the games, everyone enjoyed the ice cream social including delicious homemade ice cream, made by Tracy Crawford, a great variety of toppings, cookies and bars provided by members.

Everyone had a good time and many comments were made that we do this again.

Thank you to Matt Nippert, Scott and Holli Pretzer and Beth Roelfs for helping with the games, Kendra K. Weers for her talents in designing the postcards. Also thanks to everyone for coming and supporting this event and to everyone who donated food and helped in other ways.

Members on the Communication and Out Reach Committee who planned this event are: Ardith Barber, Jeanette Bures, Jane Pretzer, Jamie Schultis and Marla Weichel. Council Representatives are Darin Weers and Diane Wellsandt.



Submitted by Ardie Barber  
Photos by Kendra K Weers

## TREASURER'S REPORT

As of 9/13/2021



### Current Balances

General Fund	\$ 1,892.13
Benevolence	\$ 305.70
<u>Designations</u>	<u>\$ 4,728.99</u>
Total	\$ 6,926.82

### Operating Expenses

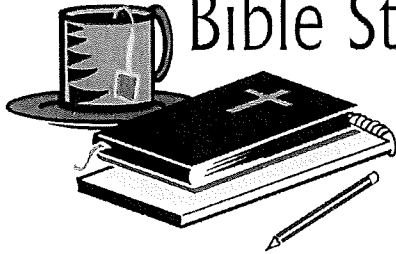
Available Cash	\$ 1,892.13
Remaining Bills	
Norris (est.)	\$ 300.00
<u>Portico</u>	<u>\$ 2,545.57</u> <i>Due mid-October</i>
Remaining Bal	\$ (953.44)

### Offering Summary

	July	August	September
Current	\$ 10,681.95	\$ 9,359.85	\$ 3,828.25
Benevolence	\$ 167.05	\$ 111.65	\$ 27.00
Designated Funds	<u>\$ 2.00</u>	<u>\$ 213.00</u>	<u>\$ 90.00</u>
Totals	\$ 10,851.00	\$ 9,684.50	\$ 3,945.25 (partial month)

**We need to receive \$10,000.47 in CURRENT each month in order to meet our budget for 2021.**

## Women's Bible Study



## September Eunice Circle

*Eunice Circle met on September 13, 2021 at 1:30pm. Norma Banahan led our Bible Study. The Gift of the Spirit: A divine wild goose chase. Spirit God revealer and resource. In Celtic spirituality, the Holy Spirit came to be symbolized by a wild goose - hard to capture, life - bringing, surprising and good.*

*Our study texts were from Genesis 1:1, Matthew 3:13 - 17, John 1:1 - 4 and 14:15 - 19 and 25 - 31 and 15:26 through 16:15, and 1 Corinthians 12:4 - 11.*

*We opened with prayer. 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. Our Offering was \$15.00.*

*Old Business: Discussed Faith Formation children to help pack the school bags. Work Days on August 24<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup>.*

*New Business: Faith Formation children will help on Wednesday, September 15<sup>th</sup>, 4-5pm. Work Day will be September 28<sup>th</sup>.*

*After Grace, Cleo Perkins served refreshments.*

*Next Eunice Circle meeting will be October 11, 2021 at 1:30pm, September/October book. Irene Gibson will lead the Bible study.*

*~ Irene Gibson, Recorder*

*Some of our congregational members have been in the hospital and/or suffered losses recently.*

*Linda and Joel Holtmeier, on the passing of Linda's Father, LeRoy Folkerts  
Hunter Folkers and family, on the passing of his grandmother, Opal Folkers  
Betty Damrow, who is currently at Beatrice Rehab and recovering*

*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, Cindy Bartlett and Linda Behrends*



# St. Paul Lutheran Church Council Minutes for September 15, 2021

Council members present were Darin Weers, Diane Wellsandt, Gary Bergmeier, Pastor Mark Liscom, David Henrichs, and Tyler Wolken. Not present was Peggy Hemphill. Pastor opened the meeting by giving a devotion. The minutes from the previous meeting were reviewed. Gary moved to accept the minutes and Darin seconded. The minutes were approved.

## **Treasurer's Report**

Alan Roelfs was present to give the report. Total available cash was \$1,892.13. Bills still needing to be paid are Norris and Portico. This would leave a balance of (\$953.44). Alan brought up that we need to select a health insurance plan for Pastor Mark as a plan must be entered in by the October 4-15 time frame. The council discussed and felt that the Gold plan from last year was the plan to go with. Darin moved to continue using the Gold health insurance plan and Diane seconded. The motion passed. Gary moved to accept the treasurer's report and Darin seconded. The report was approved.

## **Memorial Treasurer's Report**

Darin reported that there was an interest of \$0.82 which left a balance of \$12,773.16. Darin also reported that there was a donation from the Margery Keefover Memorial. Diane moved to accept the report and Tyler seconded. The report was approved.

## **Pastor's Report**

4 worship services, 1 youth meeting, 3 confirmation classes, 1 funeral, 3 home communions, 2 other calls, 1 cluster meeting, 2 text studies, and no time spent at Fairbury the American Lutheran Church.

## **Vice Chairman's Report**

Dave gave a food stand report and shared that the ELCA raised approx. \$500.00. A total profit of \$1,462.05 was made. 80% of that will go toward current and 20% will go to Benevolence. This based off of what was voted on at the last annual meeting. Dave also received a letter from our Church Mutual Insurance Co. asking if we wanted terrorism insurance. Gary made the motion to deny having terrorism insurance added and Diane seconded. The motion was approved.

## **Committee Reports**

**Christian Education-** Crosswalk had just begun and had 34 kids in attendance the first day. Expecting more to come each week. They really looking for volunteers to help and fill in on occasion. If you are willing, please contact Beth Roelfs or Tyler Wolken for more information.

**Worship and Music-** The committee is looking at getting a choir going again and is discussing the upcoming mission festival.

**Property-** Doug Schmidt and company was gracious enough to help remove the dead tree at the parsonage. Darin and Brian are going to be hanging the sound barriers back up in the remodeled Sunday school space when they get a little more time.

**Communication and Outreach-** Family Funday Sunday was a success! A nice crowd was in attendance this year!

**Memorial-** N/A

## **Old Business**

- Gary was able to do some research about a defibrillator. He noted that you can get a good one for around \$2000. The council is going to see about some funding from memorial, grants, etc.

- Pastor Mark signed the emergency pastor contract with the American Lutheran Church in Fairbury but has not been called in to step in.

## **New Business**

- Darin brought up the issue with our occasional projector and internet issues. Pastor noted that the projector seems to be working fine as long as the internet is working and has a strong signal. Pastor made the comment that when people come to church, people's phones connect to the wifi which can slow things down. If everyone can be mindful of this and turn off your phones or disconnect from the wifi when entering the church, this may help the situation.

The next meeting is scheduled for October 20 at 7:30PM. Committee's are encouraged to meet at 7PM if needed. Gary moved to adjourn the meeting and Darin seconded. The meeting was adjourned and closed with the Lord's Prayer.





## PAPERLESS NEWSCASTER OPTION AVAILABLE!!

The Newscaster is now available electronically for those that would like to receive it in this form rather than through the mail. If you would like to NOT receive a physical copy of the Newscaster, please email Jane Pretzer at [dpretz@diodecom.net](mailto:dpretz@diodecom.net) and let her know you want to be removed from the physical mailing list.

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*Sponsoring the October Newscaster are  
Charlie and Ardie Barber  
in Thanksgiving for the blessing of  
our grandchildren, Sam and Cale Clifford,  
who are both celebrating special birthdays  
this October*

*and*

*Pastor Delmar and Phyllis Wiemers  
in Honor of our Four Children and their Families*

*Happy birthday(s) and Thank You for sponsoring this Newscaster!*

*Sponsors for 2021 have been fulfilled, we thank you!*

*There is a light orange sign-up sheet on the announcements bulletin board in the back of the Narthex for 2022. Please consider sponsoring this important communication tool for our congregation.*

## VOLUNTEERS WANTED!

Pastor Mark is looking for volunteers who would be interested in helping with Confirmation as there are more students this year than expected.

No preparation needed. Your job would be to watch "his back" and take one group for our prayer exercise at the end.

*Thank you for your consideration!*



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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.*

**October 2021**

*Pastor Mark Liscom*

## **Wrestling with God**

In the Bible, the story of salvation begins when God calls Abraham and Sarah to be the start of a new kind of people. Isaac is born, then Esau and Jacob. And then of course comes the famous story of how Jacob cheated his brother Esau out of his inheritance. But God chose Jacob, the cheat, to be one that passed on His blessing. It doesn't seem right, does it? Why?

Well, the answer seems to be that Jacob wrestled with God. One night he wrestles with an angel and won't give up until God blesses him. And it worked! He received God's blessing and a new name: Isreal. A name that means what? You guessed it: "wrestles with God.

Sometimes what it means to be God's people leaves out wrestling. Being God's people becomes more like inner peace, or something about being moral. There can also can be a niceness that creeps in, that makes it difficult to see God in the rough and tumble of our daily lives.

But when God decided to form a new people, he called them Israel. People who wrestle with God. There are so many issues today that we wrestle with, questions, concerns, problems. Difficult decisions to make and so much disagreement. We wrestle with so much!

What would happen is we understood that this is what it means to be God's people? To be "wrestlers"? What if we understood that dealing with these difficult questions and subjects was the way that we understood God to be at work in our lives? What if we learned how to do that together?

Sounds to me like it could be the beginning of a new kind of hope. Another way to be Israel, God's chosen people. Who wrestle with God together.

*Pastor Mark*