

# St. Paul's Newscaster



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## Healthy Shame/Unhealthy Shame

Most people are pretty good at saying, "we all make mistakes". It's a general concept that I assume that we would all understand and agree with. I read a recent study that said that as human beings we make mistakes at least 15% of the time. This is critically important when it comes to what we believe about God. What we believe is not perfect either. Coming to terms with this is called "healthy shame".

But while we may admit this truth in general, when we actually do make a mistake that other people see, sometimes we have a much harder time dealing with it. We make excuses, or become overly apologetic. We can't get over it. We begin to believe that we're nothing or flawed and defective at our core. And over time, with too much criticism and contempt, we can develop a need to hide our mistakes, or worse get real good at pointing out the mistakes of others. This is unhealthy shame.

Unhealthy shame is at the core of most of our deepest problems in our relationships. It's why we avoid telling the truth, why we eat too much, why we work too hard, why we need to drink to relax, why we develop a short fuse and snap at people. Deep down we're afraid of being rejected for being the normal human beings that we are. We don't want to confess that we make mistakes 15% of the time (or in my case it seems a greater percentage than that!).

A core purpose of faith is to overcome unhealthy shame. You don't need to be perfect, you don't have to put on a "good" act, and you don't need to be phony. The rules are different in the kingdom of God. You can make a mistake and not get abused or rejected. It's called learning about Grace.

So may God bless us as we learn to have a healthy sense of shame. The permission to be human. It's one of the great freedoms in life.

Pastor Mark

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# November



## **Announcements and Upcoming Events**

St. Paul Lutheran will once again host its annual  
Community Thanksgiving Worship Service  
on Wednesday evening, November 23, 7:30pm.

All are welcome and encouraged to attend this special service.

**NEED  
HELP**

A fun, social, involved individual is wanted to be a part of the Newscaster Staff as the Personals coordinator. Please contact Kendra or Pastor Mark if you would like more information or to be a part of our church's Communication Resource.

*We Want a Choir!!* Some people have expressed an interest in having a church choir, so please contact Pastor Mark if you would like to be a part of this important ministry.



**THANKSGIVING  
SERVICE**



## St. Paul Lutheran Church Council Minutes for October 19, 2016

Pastor Mark opened the meeting with a Bible devotion. Members present were Charles Barber, Marcy Barber, Scott Beran, Jamie Hennerberg, David Henrichs and Jean Schmidt. Minutes from the September meeting were reviewed. Marcy moved to accept and Charles seconded. Motion passed.

### Treasurer's Report

Current Balance \$5,404.00

All bills have been paid except for what is owed to Pastor Mark. Funds from the Diller Picnic have been deposited. David moved to accept and Jean seconded. Motion passed.

### Memorial Treasurer's Report

Current Balance \$15,492.65

- An organ shelf was purchased from Angie Weers' memorial. The albs have been received. Donna Damrow has ordered Christmas Tree ornaments that will be paid for with memorials.
- David informed the council that he checked into changing the memorial account from a savings to a checking account, interest for both savings or checking is similar. The convenience of moving the account to a checking account is the advantage. Jamie made the motion to approve the transfer the accounts and Charles seconded. Motion passed.
- Jean moved to accept the Memorial Treasurer's report and Jamie seconded. Motion passed.

### Pastors Report

Four worship services, 2 Confirmation classes, 1 Sunday prayer session, 3 other Confirmation classes, 4 hospital visits, 2 rest home communions, 4 other rest home visits, 2 youth meetings, 1 Synod Justice committee meeting (Omaha), 1 funeral, 2 text studies, 1 tech meeting, 5 other calls, 2 morning and afternoon bus routes and 3 afternoon only bus routes. No mileage.

The Synod Justice Committee will be present at a press conference on the death penalty. Pastor Mark plans to attend November 3. Pastor will also be a representative at the ELCA Global Mission on November 18-20.

Pastor has been asked to hold a Hanging of the Greens service during the November 27 church service.

The Christmas program is still in need of a director. Pastor Mark indicated that the youth group and confirmation students are willing to participate in the Christmas program. Plans are being made.

### Old Business

Tree project was put on hold during harvest. Once harvest is complete, Jamie will organize a day or two for working where the trees will be removed and cleaned up.

### New Business

- Pastor reported that the "F" key on the organ (1986 organ) is not working. After checking around, it appears that the organ is not repairable. Baldwin Organ Company no longer exists. Discussion was held on options available: repair, replace, or no longer use an organ. Pastor will contact organists to discuss.
- The CD player is not working. Pastor Mark will purchase a new one. Pastor Mark has been looking into a backing track CD to use as music. The cost is \$45, and would provide vocal and non-vocal music to use at services.
- Mission Festival will be on November 6. The youth will be helping with the service. Fa'iz Rab, the Director of Public Relations for Lutheran Family Services, will be a guest and talk about programs for refugees from Afghanistan and will share his story of coming to America. There will be a potluck and fellowship after the service.
- Pastor Mark's insurance plan needs to be chosen. The current plan will increase next year by about \$150 a month. Other plans were slightly less costly, but available services were different. After discussion, Dave moved to stay with the current plan (Gold Plus) and Charles seconded. Motion passed.

The next council meeting will be Wednesday, November 16, 2016 at 7:00.

Jamie made a motion to adjourn and Jean seconded. Motion passed.

The meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer.

*Jean Schmidt, Council Secretary*



<b>TREASURER'S REPORT</b>			
<b>General Fund Balance as of 10/16/2016</b>		<b>\$ 1,591.76</b>	
Bills Due by end of October:	September Portico	\$ 3,686.92	
	October Portico	<u>3,686.92</u>	
	Total	<b>\$ 7,373.84</b>	
<b>September/October</b>			
<i>Last Month: September</i>		<i>Current Month: October</i>	
Current	\$ 7,576.42	Current	\$ 5,383.20
Benevolence	860.51	Benevolence	475.80
World Hunger	100.00	World Hunger	75.00
Specials	<u>0.00</u>	Specials	<u>85.00</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 8,536.93</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 6,019.00</b>
<b>We need \$11,763.97 in <span style="color: red;">CURRENT</span> per month to meet the 2016 budget.</b>			



## Eunice Circle

Eunice Circle met on October 10, 2016 at 1:30pm. Bible Study was led by Norma Banahan. Study was, "Jesus and the Evil Eye: When God Blesses the Undeserving - When God Forgives the Guilty." God unfairly gives all of us the full measure of grace, love and life through Jesus Christ. In the parable of the workers in the vineyard, Jesus questions our notions of what is "fair" in our eyes and what is "right" in God's eyes. The study text from Matthew 20:1-16.

We opened with a prayer. We closed with a prayer and Hymn, "If You But Trust In God To Guide You." We closed with The Lord's Prayer.

Norma called the meeting to order. Minutes were read and approved. Five (5) members answered roll call. Our offering was \$10.00

Old Business: WELCA Unit Meeting will be November 16<sup>th</sup> at 7pm. We discussed topics and chose one for presentation by Eunice Circle. Irene will be in charge of the program. We had an offer to sew school kit bags, will consider after showing the pattern. Work Day is on September 27, all day.

New Business: Norman and Irene will continue as leader and recorder for this next year. Baby Care Kits will be boxed by confirmation students. October 25<sup>th</sup> the quilts will be boxed.

After Grace, Marla Weichel served refreshments.

Next Eunice Circle meeting will be November 14, 2016 at 1:30pm, November book. Irene Gibson will be study leader.

*Irene Gibson, Recorder*

## MISSION WORK DAY

Ready to be shipped! All our items to be sent for Lutheran World Relief (LWR) are boxed and labeled.

On October 25, 104 quilts, including 2 donated ones, were readied. Fifty school kits, 12 personal care kits and 6 fabric kits will be sent.

The confirmation students helped put together 60 baby care kits.

All help and donations of any kind are greatly appreciated. Without it, this work wouldn't be possible.

Work on quilts for the coming year will begin on November 22<sup>nd</sup>, meeting again the 29<sup>th</sup>. All help is welcome.

**Thanks be to God!**



# NOVEMBER EVENTS



**Wednesday, November 16**

**Unit Meeting**

**7:00 pm**

**Program by Eunice Circle Members**

**Women of the ELCA  
Thank Offering Service  
Sunday, November 20**  
*During Morning Worship Service*

*Thank  
Offering*



**The  
Hanging  
Of the  
Greens**

***Hanging of the Christmas Greens***

A Worship Service  
in Celebration of the  
Beginning of Advent

**Sunday, November 27**

**9:30 am**

Carry-in Fellowship Dinner to Follow  
Hosted by St. Paul Women of the ELCA





# Children's Christmas Program

The Children's Christmas program is coming soon, and a director is needed!

Practice begins in late November and the Program will take place on Christmas Eve, Saturday, December 24.

Please consider working with our children on this wonderful tradition.

If you are interested in helping as the director, please contact Pastor Mark.

*On Sunday, October 2, First Communion was held during worship services.*

*Four new Confirmation students and their families came forward to participate in the sacrament of Holy Communion. They are Karli Heidemann, Xavier Jones, Spencer Weers and Skylar Folkers.*

*Congratulations to these new students as they begin their Confirmation journey.*



## YOUTH SERVICE PROJECT

St. Paul's Youth Group met on Sunday evening, October 23. Their service project for this month was doing some deep cleaning of the church.

Those present were Kelsay Schlichtman, Isaiah Weers, Neleigh Weers, Hayley Denner, Hollie Crawford, Jonathan Schmidt, Christopher Schmidt, Bryston Warren and Spencer Schmidt.

The girls cleaned in the kitchen. They cleaned the refrigerator and stove and cleaned out some of the cupboards.

The boys cleaned the pews. They wiped them down with Murphy oil soap and vacuumed and rotated the cushions. Also, they organized the Hymn books and wiped down some of the woodwork in the sanctuary.

When they were finished, they enjoyed cake and brownies provided by Mallory Helton.



# Mission Festival

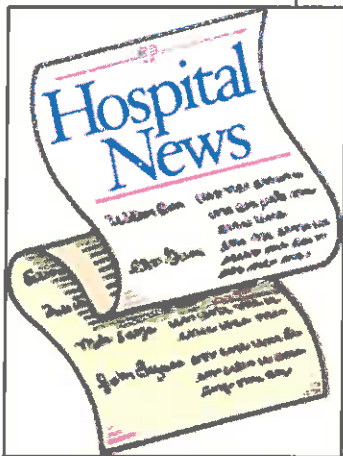
## November 6

Mission Festival for St. Paul Lutheran will be held on Sunday, November 6<sup>th</sup> during Worship Service. Fa'iz Rab, the Director of Public Relations for Lutheran Family Services, will be our guest and talk about our programs for refugee resettlement and screening processes. Shafiz Jahish, a refugee from Afghanistan will also be here to share his story of coming to America.

A potluck dinner and fellowship will be held following the service.

*Bob Geer, longtime friend and companion of Nancy Lillie, passed away and funeral services were October 15 at St. Paul Lutheran Church with Pastor Mark Liscom officiating.*

*We extend our heartfelt sympathy to members of Bob's family. May you find comfort in God's tender hands.*



*We have had several members hospitalized recently.*

- *Richard Schnuelle fell and broke his leg and hip. He had surgery at Bryan West and is doing well and recovering.*
- *David Lottman had back surgery and is recovering at home.*
- *Madeline Lottman, daughter of Shawn and Jill Lottman, had appendix surgery and is recovering well at home.*

*May God's healing peace be with all of you as you recover.*



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



## A Note from the Kitchen Committee

Our coffee supply is running low----  
Donations of coffee will be greatly appreciated.

Thanks!!!

## CHRISTMAS CAROLING

Christmas Caroling will be December 4.  
Please SAVE THE DATE!!  
More details will be in the upcoming bulletins  
and December Newscaster.



## November Birthdays

- |                       |                      |
|-----------------------|----------------------|
| 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   |
| 10 Sharon Lottman     | 28 Jacob Langenberg  |
| 11 Susan Lawton       | 30 Kelsey Engelman   |
| 12 Phyllis Schierkolk | 30 Spencer Weers     |

## 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 6 Sunday Worship Service**  
**With Holy Communion**  
**Mission Festival**  
**Worship Assistant, Youth**  
 Greeter, Youth

**November 13 Sunday Worship Service**  
**Worship Assistant, Jamie Schultis**  
 Greeter, Dennis Nippert

**November 20 Sunday Worship Service**  
**Worship Assistant, Brian Hennerberg**  
 Greeter, Franklin Damrow

**November 23 Thanksgiving Eve Service**  
 Greeter, Dean Pretzer

**November 27 Sunday Worship Service**  
**Hanging of the Christmas Greens**  
**Worship Assistant, Youth Group**  
 Greeter, Youth Group



**December 6 Sunday Worship Service**  
**With Holy Communion**  
**Worship Assistant, Brian Weers**  
 Greeter, Jim Damrow



Youth Group

Adam Roelofs    Dean Roelofs  
 Doug Schmidt    Spencer Schmidt

Jonathan Schmidt    Kevin Sasse  
 Jamie Schultis    Caleb Schultis

Youth Group

Darin Weers    Melvin Weers  
 Robert Weers    Doyle Wolken



Ezekiel Jones  
 Karli Heidemann

Jadyn Schultis  
 Skylar Folkers

Addison Heidemann  
 Mykah Folkers

Brianna Weers  
 Mallory Denner

Esdon Weers  
 Spencer Weers



Children's  
 Sermon

Youth Group

Dave/Sherry  
 Henrichs

Kristen  
 Heidemann

Youth Group

Pastor Mark



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

Judy Landenberger  
 Toni Landenberger

Peggy Hemphill  
 Jan Gold

Linda Behrends  
 Jane Pretzer

Jill Bergmeier  
 Angie Clifford

Sherry Henrichs  
 Judy DeBoer

# November 2016



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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		<b>1</b> ALL SAINTS DAY	<b>2</b> Confirmation Parents' Night 7:00pm	<b>3</b> Pastor at Death Penalty Press Conference	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>
 <b>FALL BACK</b> DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME BEGINS <b>6</b> ALL SAINTS SUNDAY DEDICATION SUNDAY MISSION FESTIVAL Red Hymnal Youth-Led Worship Service 9:30 AM Holy Communion SUNDAY SCHOOL 10:30 AM Potluck Dinner Youth Meeting 6:30 at Parsonage	<b>7</b>	 <b>8</b> Election Day	<b>9</b> Confirmation 7:00pm	<b>10</b>	 <b>11</b> VETERAN'S DAY	<b>12</b>
Blue Hymnal <b>13</b> Worship Service 9:30 AM SUNDAY SCHOOL 10:30 AM	<b>14</b> Eunice Circle 1:30pm	<b>15</b>	Council <b>16</b> Meeting 7:00pm Women of the ELCA Unit Meeting 7pm	<b>17</b> Pastor at Global Mission Conference through Nov 20	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>
Red Hymnal <b>20</b>  <b>Worship Service</b> 9:30 AM Thank Offering Service SUNDAY SCHOOL 10:30 AM Youth Games Night at Parsonage	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> Work Day All Day	<b>23</b> Thanksgiving Service 7:30pm	<b>24</b>  Thanksgiving	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>
Blue Hymnal Youth-Led <b>27</b> Worship Service 9:30 AM Hanging of the Greens First Sunday in Advent  SUNDAY SCHOOL 10:30 AM Potluck Dinner Newscaster items due	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> Work Day All Day	<b>30</b> Confirmation 7:00pm			



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