St. Paul Newscaster



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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.

May 2023

Pastor Mark Liscom

The Woman At The Well: All I've Ever Done

"Many Samaritans from that city believed in him because of the woman's testimony, "He told me everything I have ever done." So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them; and he stayed there two days. And many more believed because of his word." (John 4:39-41)

It's a strange testimony at least as I read it. Because how many of us would be overjoyed at having everything we have ever done revealed? My guess is that if we had that opportunity given to us today, few would take it. In fact, it's probably the last thing we would ever want.

Why is that? Probably the fear of judgement, the fear of shame, the fear of exposure. Because we live in a world looking for a juicy tidbit to use against us.

But somehow with Jesus, it was completely different. This revealing became a gift. This honesty became a gift. The gift the woman received was that there was someone out there who had simply taken the time to know her. He got it. He understood her. And there it was, the connection that led to believing.

St. Paul put it this way in Romans Chapter 8, "Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus". What it means is that before God, we can bring all we have ever done....and discover not judgement, but Grace. It's the call of God, the beginning of learning to believe.

Blessings,

Pastor Mark.

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Sponsors for the May Newscaster are Irene Gibson

in Honor of Karl Bunting's Birthday

Larry and Ruth Horsky Honoring Our 63rd Anniversary

We thank you for your sponsorship and support, in memory of your loved ones and Happy Anniversary!

All of the sponsorships for 2023 have been filled, THANK YOU to all those sponsoring a Newscaster this year. A 2024 sign-up sheet will be posted by May 1.

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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 22 (if you want your picture and info in the Newscaster), and the information needed is the name (First, Middle, Last) of the graduate, parents' and/or grandparents' names, name of school, school colors, degree earned and future plans. Please submit wallet-sized pictures or email to kweers10@gmail.com. Thanks!!

St. Paul Lutheran Church Council Minutes for April 19, 2023

Council members present were Gary Bergmeier, Jeanette Bures, Allen Roelfs, Brian Weers, Peg Hemphill and Pastor Mark. Diane Wellsandt was absent. God sightings were shared by council members and then Pastor Mark started the meeting with an opening prayer. Minutes were read and Peg moved to approve and were seconded by Jeanette. Minutes approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT

We had good receipts for Easter. All bills are paid. The Parsonage internet is paid by Pastor. It was moved by Brian and seconded by Jeanette for approval of the Treasurer's report. Motion passed.

MEMORIAL TREASURER'S REPORT

Jeanette reported that there was \$1.15 interest received for a total account balance of \$13,590.47. Allen moved to accept the report and Peg seconded. The report was approved.

PASTOR'S REPORT

4 Worship services, 1 Easter Worship service, Maundy-Thursday Service, Good Friday Service, 1 Confirmation class, 1 funeral, 1 Committal service, 3 Communion visits, 2 hospital calls, 1 funeral preparation, 1 other call, 3 Text Studies, 1 Cluster Meeting.

VICE CHAIRMAN REPORT

Nebraska Synod Assembly is June 2-3 in Kearney, we need 1 or 2 people to be delegates. We are in the process of restructuring the Nebraska Synod, as a large part of the Synod staff resigned with the resignation of Bishop Brian Maas, so it is likely a steep learning curve for new staff, could be interesting. Registration for Synod Assembly is due by May 5th. Confirmation Sunday is May 7th and we have 4 kids being confirmed. We may discuss Confirmation over the summer more. We discussed Confirmation ideas and Pastor is looking for feedback. We also discussed Pastor getting feedback on his weekly sermons.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Christian Education - Met with Ellis United Methodist Church about VBS.

Memorial – The \$245 bill to Diode Communications has been paid, and the system is now fixed!

Property – Gary may overseed some patchy lawn spots with his seeder. The dead tree in the front was removed by Allen. The new handicapped parking signs have been installed. Discussed bid for new furnace, which is \$21,375.00. We currently have \$15,620.40 available from fundraisers and designated funds for this project.

Food Stand – Will have a meeting shortly about ordering food and setting up a list of workers.

Communication & Outreach - N/A

Music & Worship - Holden Evening Prayer discussed Confirmation

OLD BUSINESS

We will not be getting a new candle stand for the Eternal Candle, it is no longer available. May be brought up at a later date. We have applied for the Kraft Memorial Grant from the Synod for the entryway door openers. We applied for \$10,000, and it will be reviewed on May 3rd.

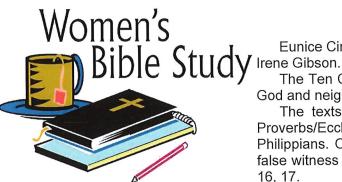
NEW BUSINESS

A big THANK YOU to Jamie and Sheri Schultis for helping Pastor with Youth Group sponsorship!

The next council meeting was set for Wednesday, May 17th at 7:30pm and committees to meet at 6:30pm. Allen moved to adjourn the meeting and Jeanette seconded. The meeting was adjourned and closed with the Lord's Prayer.

~ Brian Weers, Council Secretary

TREASURER'S REPORT As of 4/17/2023										
Current Balances General Fund Benevolence Designations Total	\$10,801.87 \$ 289.42 \$19,979.93 \$31,071.22	Operating Expenses Available Cash Remaining Bills Operating Balance	\$10,801.87 none \$10,801.87							
Offering Summary Current Benevolence Designated Funds Totals	February \$ 7,571.17 \$ 510.25 \$ 217.00 \$ 8,298.42	March \$ 6,339.60 \$ 858.40 \$ 98.00 \$ 7,296.00	April (partial month) \$ 8,417.68 \$ 289.42 \$ 162.00 \$ 8,869.10 ler to meet our budget for 2023.							



Eunice Circle

Eunice Circle met on April 10, 2023 at 1:30pm. Bible Study was led by ene Gibson.

The Ten Commandments: Reviving the Soul. Trail Makers for love of

God and neighbor (Commandments 7 thru 10).

The texts from: Genesis – Exodus – Leviticus – Deuteronomy & Proverbs/Ecclesiastes – Amos – Matthew – Luke – John – Romans – Philippians. Our focus verses – "you shall not steal. You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor. You shall not covet". Exodus 20:15, 16, 17

We opened with prayer and Hymn – "Change My Heart O God." We closed with prayer and Hymn – "How Firm a Foundation" and The Lord's Prayer.

Norma called our meeting to order. Minutes were read and approved. Six (6) members and one (1) guest answered Roll Call. Our offering was \$63.00.

Old Business: American Lutheran Church/Fairbury is inviting you to a short devotional on March 27th at 9am. Work Day is March 28th.

New Business: A report mas made about the Spring Gathering held at Pickrell, NE. WELCA Unit meeting on April 30th after church service. Work Day – April 25th all day.

After Grace, Jane Pretzer served refreshments.

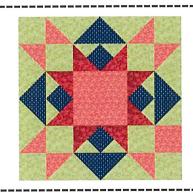
Next Eunice Circle Meeting May 8, 2023 at 1:30pm, May/June book. Norma Banahan will lead Bible Study.

~ Irene Gibson, Recorder

Míssíon Work Day

The quilters continue to meet every fourth and fifth Tuesday of each month at 9:00. All help is appreciated. Our next work days are April 25, May 23 and 30.

God's Work - Our Hands





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:

Dean and Beth Roelfs

Bill Cummins, Brian and Kendra K Weers, Brianna and Joely

Shawn and Jill Zabokrtsky and Boys

Dennis and Deb Nippert

Irene Gibson

The Damrow Family

Robert, Brian, Kendra, Brianna & Joely Weers

Irene Gibson

Melvin and Beth Lee Beran

Amy Breeden and Family Naomi and Jeff Harlan and Family Rick and Annette Garton and Family In Celebration of Family

In Loving Memory of Imogene Cummins

In Loving Memory of Jill's Dad, Jim Morehead

In Honor of Our Family

In Loving Memory of Eleanora Bunting

In Loving Memory of Franklin & Betty Damrow

In Loving Memory of Angie Weers

In Loving Memory of Karl Bunting

In Memory of Our Family and Friends

In Loving Memory of Virgil and Judy Garton

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Holy Week at St Paul Lutheran

Holy Week services were held Sunday, April 2 through Easter, April 9.

THANK YOU to all who participated and/or organized Holy Week Services!

Palm Sunday began with the congregation waving the Palms while singing, "All Glory, Laud and Honor". It truly was joyous to see so many from the congregation participate.



Maundy-Thursday service was the play, "The Living Last Supper," with communion starting the service and the play was begun by Julie Schmidt setting the scene and lighting twelve candles and the Christ Candle on the table. The "Apostles" read parts that portrayed each perspective as they went through the meal, extinguishing their candles after they spoke. Participants were Tyler Wolken, Brennan Schultis, Charles Barber, Dean Pretzer, Dennis Nippert, Larry Germer, Shawn Zabokrtsky, Jamie Schultis, Darin Weers, David Henrichs, Scott Pretzer and Brian Weers. It concluded with Stacy Roelfs as Mary Magdalene, what she likely went through as the night progressed and Jesus was betrayed.



For **Good Friday**, ladies from the congregation read, "The Cross Is A Journey," about the stations of the cross. It was introduced by Sondra Germer who then lit eight candles. The participants read about each station and extinguished a candle after reading. Participants were (speaking order) Diane Wellsandt, Jill Zabokrtsky, Kendra K Weers, Deb Nippert, Joely Weers, Ruth Horsky, Beth Roelfs and Jane Pretzer. It was a solemn reminder of Jesus' suffering for our sins that we may be saved.

The service concluded with the stripping of the Altar and draping it in black.





All sermons are available in print upon request or the video from our Facebook page is available at any time. All services are available on Facebook Live on our Facebook page and then posted to be viewed at any time on the same page. We hope you can join us in whatever way you can for upcoming worship!

Thank You Thank

Thank you for all the birthday cards and messages sent to our Dad, Franklin Damrow, for his 101st birthday. He enjoyed reading each one of them and hearing from so many friends. Little did we know that ten days later Jesus would take him home to live with Him for eternity.

We would like to extend our appreciation for all the cards, messages, food and other expressions of sympathy and compassion that we received at the loss of our Dad. A very special thank you to Pastor Mark for all his many visits, friendship and wonderful message at Dad's service. Dad loved his church and his church family so much. We deeply appreciate all your kindness and friendship. God bless you all!

Peggy & Steve Hemphill Jim & Donna Damrow Margaret Bartels



ST. PAUL WOMEN OF THE ELCA

Unit Meeting April 30, 2023



A Unit Meeting of the Women of the ELCA was held following the church service on Sunday, April 30, 2023, with approximately 16 women attending. It was opened with the reading of the Purpose Statement of the Women of the ELCA in unison.

The informal meeting was led by President, Ardith Barber. A treasurer's report indicated a balance of \$2,902.89. It was approved to accept the report.

Activities of the various committees were reported. Our college students were remembered with cards and gift certificates sent by Sheri Schultis. An updated list of names and addresses was handed out by Peggy to those who had signed up for the monthly card project. Norma reminded us that the Eunice Circle meets every second Monday of the month. Work Day is held the fourth and fifth Tuesday of each month. Diane has purchased four prayer books for our confirmands and will present them on Confirmation Sunday, May 7, 2023. Marcy explained and showed us examples of what goes in the Baby Care Kits that are put together. She handed out a list of items needed. Thank you to Jeanette Bures for keeping the kitchen in order. There are several dishes in the kitchen that need to be picked up from recent funerals.

Seven women from our congregation attended World Day of Prayer at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Odell on March 3, 2023. This year's program was "I Have Heard About Your Faith" written by the women of Taiwan. Finger foods and drinks were enjoyed following the program by those attending. We did not have anyone attend the Spring Gathering at Pickrell this year.

Beth volunteered to take the lead on holding graduation recognition in May. Other items mentioned were our Community Bible School to be held one day, August 3, at Camp Jefferson partnering with the Ellis United Methodist Church. Ardie stated that the Women of the ELCA are still quite involved in educating people about Human Trafficking and keeping people aware of the issue.

Beth Roelfs gave an enlightening inspiration on the Ten Commandments of Joy.

Offering for the day was \$102. The next meeting will be held following the church service on Sunday, August 13, 2023.

The meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted, Peggy Hemphill, Secretary



OUR PURPOSE STATEMENT

"As a community of women created in the image of God, called to discipleship in Jesus Christ, and empowered by the Holy Spirit, we commit ourselves to grow in faith, affirm our gifts, support one another in our callings, engage in ministry and action, and promote healing and wholeness in the church, the society, and the world."

WELCA Spring Salad Supper

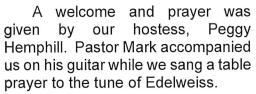
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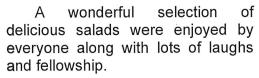


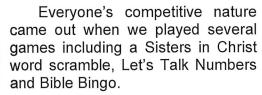




Our annual Spring Salad Supper was held on Sunday evening, April 30, 2023 at 5:30 p.m. The fellowship area was decorated in spring colors with floral arrangements on each table. There were 31 women and guests present to enjoy the evening with Pastor Mark also being present.













Jane Pretzer and Irene Gibson presented a fun and thought-provoking skit entitled "If God Should Speak" written by LouAnn Bernthal and published by The Lutheran Women's Missionary League. They did a wonderful job and the skit was enjoyed by all attending.

A special thank-you goes out to all who helped in any way to make this event happen. It was nice to have the opportunity to share this time together as Sisters in Christ.

~ Submitted by Peg Hemphill









CrossWalk Winds Down

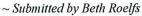


The final CrossWalk session has been held for the 2022/23 school year. During the month of April, we continued our study of the Sermon on the Mount. A familiar rule, the Golden Rule, was presented through games, video and song.

During Holy Week, the students had the opportunity to touch a crown of thorns and consider the pain of the nails. The day ended with an exuberant Palm Parade with shouts of Hosanna.

On April 26 everyone turned to service as they worked to clean and prepare the Diller Park for summer activities. We picked up sticks, moved and raked woodchips and cleared away some leaves. The day concluded with a thank you presentation. The sixth grade students were each awarded a basket of treats carrying words of appreciation for their willingness to serve as helpers this year.

We end our year with a HUGE thank you to teaching staff: Kristen Hennerberg, Sheri and Jamie Schultis, Tyler Wolken and Beth Roelfs, subs Pastor Mark and Susan Meyer and EVERYONE WHO SERVED ON THE SNACK COMMITTEE. What a joyful ministry to experience and share. Until the fall. CROSSWALK OUT.









SPRING POP TAB TOTAL

The CrossWalk Kids led St. Paul in their collection of pop tabs for the Omaha Ronald McDonald House. The spring donation has been measured and here are the stats. The spring donation was 38,250 tabs. Our cumulative total is 177,750.

POP TAB PARTY HELD APRIL 12

The CrossWalk Kids had a wonderful reason to play in the park and drink all the Shirley Temples they could hold. On April 12 they celebrated meeting their pop tab goal for the 2nd time this school year. They have collected a total of 12 gallons of pop tabs this year for the Ronald McDonald House in Omaha. Diane and Bob Wellsandt delivered the last installment of 6 gallon recently. There were lots of red smiles, sticky fingers and fun. Keep collecting. We will set a new goal in September when CrossWalk resumes. Until then the jar is near the sanctuary door to receive donations.













Kids on the day they met their Pop Tab Goal



VBS 2023 - PETS UNLEASHED! Where Jesus Cares "Fur" You!

Vacation Bible School 2023 is on the calendar for August 3rd at Camp

Jefferson in cooperation with the Ellis United Methodist Church. All children
ages 4 through the 5th grade are invited to join in on the fun. Campers will spend
the morning learning about Jesus and the balance of the afternoon enjoying all

of the special activities the Camp has to offer including the pool and hiking.

An evening celebration with food and fellowship will be open to the children, their families, the congregation and community.

Specific details are being worked out and will be promoted when they become available.

~ JOYS ~

To Be Confirmed

St. Paul's Confirmation is taking place on Sunday, May 7, where Cale Clifford, Drake Day, Mason Schlichtman and Xavier Zabokrtsky will Affirm his Baptism through Confirmation.

Congratulations, to all of you!

Words of Appreciation

As we recently witnessed the power of the wildfires and view the devastation left in its wake, we want to say THANK YOU to all the firefighters who placed themselves in peril on behalf of others. We do say a prayer of thanks for your selfless service and for your safety during the long and hard

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~ CONCERNS ~

- ~ Betty Hennerberg had shoulder surgery late in March and knee surgery in April. She is recovering at Good Samaritan in Beatrice and is working hard in therapy. Her address is: 401 S 222nd St., Rm 307, Beatrice, NE, 68310. We wish her a speedy recovery and hold her in prayer.
- ~ Ervin Hennerberg is residing at Heritage Care Center in Fairbury in room 110 while Betty is healing. We know this is a change for Ervin and we hope he is enjoying wonderful care and the peace of mind that Betty is receiving the attention she needs at this time. Thinking of you Ervin.
- ~ Addison and Livia Stein had their tonsils removed. We pray this brings fewer ear infections and sore throats and that the discomfort of surgery was balanced out by some great ice cream. Loving thoughts with you both.

Our sympathy is extended to the family of Darlene Balderson who passed away on April 7. Her memorial service was April 13 with Pastor Wiemers officiating. As a teacher for many years, Darlene impacted countless lives and will be remembered fondly. Prayers of comfort and healing go out to her family.

The family of David Lottman is in our hearts as they deal with his unexpected death on April 8. Many gathered to honor Dave as a friend, family member and patriot on April 21 at St. Johns in Beatrice. Pastor Liscom officiated and Tyler Wolken sang. Each will have a different reason to remember Dave, but all will miss him. Prayers go out to Leana and the family.

~ PRAYER LIST ~

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:

> Eldean Banahan, Robert Weers, Norris Gold, Toni Landenberger, Tyler Wolken, Norman Balderson and Allison Lottman



May Wedding Anniversaries

May 1, 1981

Mr.& Mrs. Gail & Brenda Engelman

May 24, 1980

Mr. & Mrs. Douglas & Glenda Spilker

May 24, 1991

Mr. & Mrs. Jim & Cathy Lyons

May 25, 1974

Mr. & Mrs. Steve & Peggy Hemphill



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	May Diftillays							
4	John Garcia	23	Jane Pretzer					
6	Eldean Banahan	24	Elizabeth Roelfs					
14	Addison Heidemann	24	Radene Beran					
15	Devin Garcia	24	Hayden Nutsch					
15	Calvin Hennerberg	25	Norris Gold					
15	Camille Hennerberg	25	Jean Schmidt					
16	Lilly Smith	27	Melvin Beran					
17	Caleb Schultis	29	Douglas Spilker					
19	Dennis Nippert	29	Crystal Snyder					
19	Sheila Goldsberry	29	Alexander Roelfs					
20	Joseph Henrichs	30	Chase Whitehead					

Joseph Henrichs

Christian McCown

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!



May 7 Sunday Worship Service With Holy Communion Confirmation Sunday

Worship Assistant – Brian Weers Greeter – Charles Barber Acolyte – Ryan Hicok

Coffee - Jeanette Hennerberg, Kristen Hennerberg



Worship Assistant – Jamie Schultis Greeter – Gary Bergmeier Coffee – Jill Bergmeier, Julie Schmidt



Worship Assistant – Diane Wellsandt Greeter – Jim Bures Coffee Service – Sheri Schultis, Toni Landenberger

May 28 Sunday Worship Service Pentecost

Worship Assistant – Kendra K Weers Greeter – Dennis Nippert Coffee Service – BethLee Beran, Linda Beran





June 4 Sunday Worship Service With Holy Communion

Worship Assistant – Diane Wellsandt Greeter – Dean Pretzer Coffee Service – Kendra S Weers, Kalli Roelfs

May 2023



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	1	2	Youth Meeting 6:30 at Schultis Farm	The Classical NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER	5	6
Red Hymnal Worship Service With Holy Communion 9:30 AM Confirmation	8 Eunice Circle 1:30pm	9	10	11	12	DILLER-ODELL GRADUATION
Blue Hymnal 14 Worship Service 9:30 AM Happy Mother's Day	15	16	SCHOOLS OUT! Committees and Council Meetings 6:30/7:30pm	18	19	20
Red Hymnal 21 Worship Service 9:30 AM Recognition of Graduates Adult Forum Lite following Worship Newscaster items due	22	23 Work Day All Day	24	25 Ascension	26	27
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