

# St. Paul's Newscaster



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## Luther on Resurrection

As we continue to remember the 500<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Lutheran Reformation, I thought I would give you a little Luther on resurrection. In his typical candid and rough way here is his take on it from one of his sermons from the Gospel of John.

*"I will raise them up on the last day". (John 6:54b)*

You must not judge by external appearances. You must be guided by the Word which promises and give you everlasting life. Then you truly have eternal life.

Even though your senses tell you otherwise, this does not matter. This does not mean that you have forfeited life, for sickness, death, perils, and sin which assail you will not devour or finish you. They will have to leave you in peace. They do weaken or kill Christ. When these all have passed and have left you constant in your faith, then you will see what you have believed.

But you retort: "The fact remains that I must die".

This makes no difference! Go ahead and die in God's name. You are still assured of eternal life; it will surely be yours. To die, to be buried, to have people tread on your grave, to be consumed by worms—all this will not matter to you. It is certain that Christ will raise you up again. For here you have His promise: "I will raise you up."

Therefore your eyes will behold what your faith so confidently relied on.

--Martin Luther

*Sermons on the Gospel of St. John (1530-32)*

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*Irene Gibson in Honor of the  
April 29<sup>th</sup> Birthday of Eleanora Bunting  
and  
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in Honor of their 49<sup>th</sup> Anniversary*

**There are MANY other sponsorships available for 2017. One for May, two for October and two for November. Please consider helping to provide this important service and communication to your fellow Newscaster recipients.**



*Maundy Thursday*  
Seder Meal 7:30pm  
Thursday, April 13

# Holy Week Schedule



Good Friday Services 7:30pm  
Friday, April 14



Easter Sunrise Service 6:30am

Breakfast by St. Paul's Youth  
Following Sunrise Service

Easter Worship Service 9:30 am  
Sunday, April 16

# St. Paul Lutheran Church Council Minutes for March 15, 2017

Pastor Mark opened the meeting with prayer. Members present were Charles Barber, Marcy Barber, Scott Beran, David Henrichs, Allen Roelfs and Jean Schmidt. Cindy Lottman was absent.

Minutes from the February meeting were reviewed. David moved to accept and Marcy seconded. Motion passed.

## Treasurer's Report

Current Balance - \$ 331.06

In order to pay the January and February Portico, money was borrowed from the Benevolence account and will be repaid. The Stanton propane bill was paid by a congregation member. A big thank you!!! David moved to accept and Jean seconded. Motion passed.

## Memorial Treasurer's Report

Current Balance \$18,001.27.

Two memorial checks still need to be deposited into the account. Discussion has been ongoing for the new church sign. A lower-priced but similarly styled sign has been discussed. David moved to accept and Marcy seconded. Motion passed.

## Pastors Report

- Four worship services, 1 confirmation service project, 5 confirmation classes, Ash Wednesday service, 1 Lenten service, 2 youth group meetings, 1 Synod Social Justice meeting, 3 text studies, played Cat in the Hat at elementary school, 2 communions, 1 premarital meeting, 1 prison visit, 2 other pastoral counseling times, 3 adult classes following worship, 14 bus routes, 1 upcoming wedding, Synod reports completed, mileage 209.
- Synod Convention early registration is March 17, 2017. St Paul is still in need of attendees.
- Have been working on the services during Easter time. Is organizing the Seder Meal to be held on Maundy Thursday. The Youth Group will serve an Easter breakfast between services.

## Committee Reports

None.

## Old Business

- Scott Beran finished the tree stump removal and cleaned up the area. Thank You!
- Pastor has told the school that he will continue to drive the bus next year.

## New Business

- Stacy Schlichtman has been appointed the new auditor.
- Congregation will be kept up-to-date on the St. Paul Memorial Growth Fund. Personal deposits can be made; the account does not need to include only memorial funds.
- Discussion held on the installation of council members and Sunday School teachers. Installation has been done in the past.
- Lenten services have been going well. However, feedback shows that some prefer the traditional services, so Pastor Mark may work some into the schedule.
- Pastor Mark has been thinking about the fall Sunday School program. There are not very many children involved in the program anymore, and some changes may need to be implemented.

The next council meeting will be on Wednesday, April 19 at 7:00pm. Marcy made a motion to adjourn and Jean seconded. Motion passed. The meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer.

- Jean Schmidt, Council Secretary

### TREASURER'S REPORT

<b>General Fund Balance as of 3/14/2017</b>		<b>\$ 795.39</b>
Bills Due by end of March	Mar. Portico	\$ 3,893.20
	<b>Total Due:</b>	<b>\$ 3,893.20</b>



<i>Last Month: February</i>		<i>Current Month: March</i>	
Current	\$ 6,462.60	Current	\$ 5,474.22
Benevolence	379.40	Benevolence	622.05
World Hunger	100.00	World Hunger	0.00
Specials	60.00	Specials	35.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 7,002.00</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 6,131.27</b>

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



## Eunice Circle

Eunice Circle met on March 13, 2017 at 1:30pm. The Bible Study was led by Irene Gibson. "Galatians - Christian Faith and Christian Freedom - Heirs of the Promise." For Paul, Jesus Christ is both the cause and the center of the Christian Family. In baptism, we have been united with Christ as daughters and sons of God.

Theme verse was Galatians 4:6. Our texts were from Galatians 3:24-4:31. Also, Romans 8:14-17 and 22-27 and Genesis 17:15-21. Irene read an article about anger.

We opened with a prayer and Hymn, "Children of the Heavenly Father" and closed with prayer and a Hymn, "All Are Welcome." We prayed The Lord's Prayer.

Norma called our meeting to order. Minutes were read and approved. Four (4) members answered Roll Call. Our offering was \$10.00.

Old Business: WELCA Unit Meeting is February 22<sup>nd</sup> at 7pm. Work Day is February 28<sup>th</sup>. World Day of Prayer will be March 3<sup>rd</sup> at 7pm at Odell Methodist Church.

New 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>.

After Grace, Betty Damrow served refreshments.

Next Eunice Circle meeting will be April 10, 2017 at 1:30pm, April book. Norma Banahan will lead the Bible Study.

- Irene Gibson, Recorder

## Mission Work Day

Meeting March 28, ten quilts were assembled and tied. Materials were sorted and other work was done. Donations are appreciated, as in the past, the most pressing need is items to be used as filler.

Working together is a great time to socialize, share our lives through laughter and conversation. To end our day, we have coffee and snacks.

Plans are being made to sew school kit bags, much suitable fabric is available. Filled kits provide needy children with important supplies to aid in their education. All the quilts and kits make a huge difference in the lives of our brothers and sisters in Christ.

Our next workday is April 29<sup>th</sup>. We had ten women helping all or part of the day.

Thanks Be To God!





# Women of the ELCA Unit Meeting

Our Unit Meeting opened with warm welcomes and a prayer of "Unity, Hope and Vision." Linda Beran led an interesting Bible Trivia, followed with discussion and Pastor's guidance. The business meeting followed with minutes and treasurer's report, ending balance of \$729.09. Notable transactions include: Donations of **\$225 to 3 food pantries, \$250 LWR Quilt Shipping, \$201.09 Thankoffering, Fourth Quarter Synodical offering \$67.50.** Purchase of **\$107.31 in diapers, \$269.10 kitchen faucet, \$46.52 card/postage.** Also a **\$100 donation to Phebe Challenge (Nebraska Synod Women Challenge for Hospital in Siberia)** was given this year.

### **Projects brought for Vote:**

75% of Unit and Eunice Circle Offerings to Synod.

Norma moved and Carolyn seconded, motion carried.

\$150 Annual to St. John's Food Pantry – disbursed in two donations

\$150 Annual to Blue Valley Food Pantry – disbursed in two donations

\$150 Annual to Southern Gage Food Pantry – disbursed in two donations

Judy Garton moved to continue support, Jean Weers seconded, motion carried.

\$75 Donation – Spring Gathering – Norma moved, Linda seconded, motion carried.

Eunice Circle will collect monetary donations to better coordinate items to fill School bags. Also, Linda will organize several days for School Bag construction to cut, assemble and sew. **Volunteers needed.**

Lutheran World Relief letters acknowledging thanks for donations let us know 28,000 Honduran children received school kits, 53,900 people received baby care kits and quilts in Mauritania, Africa. Last spring, 30,600 Peruvian people received quilts, school, baby care, personal care and fabric kits. The second half of 2016, quilts and kits were sent to villages, schools, hospitals and refugee camps in Georgia, Thailand, Pakistan, Angola, Mali and Burkina, Faso, Africa. **Yes we can and are making a difference ladies!**

### **Upcoming Events:**

**Spring Gathering** to be Saturday, March 18<sup>th</sup> at Christ Lutheran at Pickrell. Monetary donations can be given to Jane or Jeanette for tangible offering. Carpool discussed, contact Jane if interested.

**World Day of Prayer** on Friday, March 3<sup>rd</sup> at Odell Methodist. Carpool discussed to leave church by 6:30pm. Please contact Jane if interested.

**WELCA Lenten Coffee Schedule** – March 15 – Jeanette, March 22 – Linda, March 29 – Robbyn, April 5 – Jane. **Volunteer Helpers would be greatly appreciated.**

**WELCA Spring Salad Supper** on Sunday, April 23<sup>rd</sup> at 5:30pm.

**Next Unit Meeting is on Wednesday, May 17<sup>th</sup> at 7pm. Pastor Mark will lead Bible Study, "A Mother's Love."**

An offering of \$46 was collected, thanks to Linda for great refreshments, the meeting closed with The Lord's Prayer and Jane's closing thought from Ellen Goodman; **Let's not begin our New Year with reflecting on our life's past year's fix-it list, but rather focusing in on the positive potential the New Year brings.**

## **Mark Your Calendars!!**

*WELCA Annual Spring Salad Supper*

*Sunday, April 23  
Beginning at 5:30pm*

*Bring a salad and a friend*



# St. Paul's WELCA Spring Salad Supper

*Sunday, April 23, 2017  
Beginning at 5:30 p.m.*

Bring a Salad to Share and  
Invite a Friend to Share in the Fellowship Fun!

## Program **Holy Land Travelogue**





## Confirmation

There will be Confirmation at the Parsonage on Sundays,  
**April 9<sup>th</sup> and April 23<sup>rd</sup>** right after Worship.  
 The Confirmation classes will be on Wednesdays, **April 12<sup>th</sup> and April 26<sup>th</sup>** at 7pm, with  
 the service project on April 12<sup>th</sup>, and Confirmation Students will assist with the  
 Seder Meal on Maundy Thursday, **April 13<sup>th</sup>** at 7:30pm.  
**CONFIRMATION will be on Sunday, April 30.**

Please see the church website, [www.stpauldiller.com](http://www.stpauldiller.com) for updated acolyte and class  
 schedules. "Homework" is also available on the website.

On March 26<sup>th</sup>, St. Paul's Youth again assisted with the Sunday morning  
 worship service and coffee fellowship hour.

Youth that participated were Hayley Denner, Jesse Scheele, Christopher  
 Schmidt, Armando Jones, Isaiah Weers, Neleigh Weers, Spencer Schmidt, Bryston  
 Warren, Kelsay Schlichtman, Caleb Schultis, Hannah Ebeling and Hollie Crawford.

The refreshments were served by all the Youth present. The next Youth-led  
 Worship service will be on April 23<sup>rd</sup>.

The Youth meetings will be in the evenings on April 9 and 23 at the Parsonage.



## SEWING FOR BACKPACKS

A workday to "Sew Backpacks" for the Lutheran World Relief Kits  
 is planned for Thursday, April 20 at 1:30pm. Please bring fabric,  
 cutting scissors and a tape measure – No special skills are needed!!

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!*



*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*

# Volunteers Needed



## We Need You!!

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!!

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

## 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 **April 30** (if you want your picture and info in the Newscaster), and the information needed is the name (*First, Middle, Last*) of the graduate, parents' or grandparents' 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!!



## Easter Lilies

Due to waning interest, Easter Lilies will not be available for purchase through the church. However, we encourage people to bring their own plants for Easter Worship.

If you would like to bring a plant and want to be included on the bulletin insert, please bring your plant labeled as to who it's from and sign the sheet in the Narthex by noon on Saturday, April 15. Please include your name and the designation. The information will be included in the insert for the bulletin. Thank you to those who sponsor plants.



## April Birthdays

- 3 Tyler Wolken
- 5 Bob Wellsandt
- 5 Larry Lawton
- 5 Scott Beran
- 7 Kalli Roelfs
- 12 Jeff Barber
- 17 Neleigh Weers
- 18 Judy DeBoer
- 18 Shawna Nelson
- 23 Kaye Schlake
- 24 Larry Germer
- 26 Daniel Beran
- 26 Kendall Graves
- 27 Mykal Folkers
- 27 Madeline Parde
- 29 David Henrichs



## April Wedding Anniversaries

- April 6, 2001
  - ☞ Mr. & Mrs. Brian & Kendra K Weers
- April 16, 1998
  - ☞ Mr. & Mrs. Chad & Courtney Lottman
- April 18, 1998
  - ☞ Mr. & Mrs. Jamie & Sheri Schultis
- April 20, 1968
  - ☞ Mr. & Mrs. Russell & Carolyn Schultis
- April 21, 1979
  - ☞ Mr. & Mrs. David & Sherry Henrichs
- April 26, 2008
  - ☞ Mr. & Mrs. Brad & Megan Langenberg





**April 2 Sunday Worship Service**  
With Holy Communion

Worship Assistant, **Jamie Schultis**  
Greeter, Dennis Nippert

**April 5 Lenten Service**  
Greeter, *Franklin Damrow*

**April 9 Palm Sunday Worship Service**  
Worship Assistant, **Brian Weers**  
Greeter, Dean Pretzer

**April 13 Maundy Thursday Service**  
Greeter, *Jim Bures*

**April 14 Good Friday Service**  
Greeter, *Charles Barber*

**April 16 Easter Sunday**  
6:30 a.m. **Worship Assistant, David Henrichs**  
Greeter, *Jim Damrow*

9:30 a.m. **Worship Assistant, Sherry Henrichs**  
Greeter, *Franklin Damrow*

**April 23 Sunday Worship Service**  
Worship Assistant, **Youth**  
Greeter, *Youth*

**April 30 Sunday Worship Service**  
**CONFIRMATION SUNDAY**  
Worship Assistant, **Kendra K Weers**  
Greeter, *Don Meyer*



**May 7 Sunday Worship Service**  
With Holy Communion  
Worship Assistant, **Brian Weers**  
Greeter, *Dean Pretzer*



Brian Hennerberg Calvin Hennerberg  
Reese Hennerberg Dennis Hennerberg

Jamie Hennerberg Harry Kising  
Chad Lottman Doug Lottman

6:30am Service  
Brett Landenberger Don Meyer  
Tyson Landenberger Dennis Nippert  
9:30am Service  
Dean Pretzer Allen Roelfs  
Adam Roelfs Dean Roelfs

Youth

Kevin Sasse Russell Schultis  
Jamie Schultis Caleb Schultis

Doug Schmidt Spencer Schmidt  
Jonathan Schmidt Christopher Schmidt



Addison Heidemann  
Skylar Folkers

Mallory Denner  
Mykah Folkers

Brianna Weers  
Karli Heidemann  
Jadyn Schultis  
Ezekial Jones

Tori Smith  
Skylar Folkers

Esdon Weers  
Xavier Jones

Mallory Denner  
Spencer Weers



Pastor Mark

Sheri  
Schultis

Jeanette  
Bures

Kristen  
Heidemann

Youth

Cheryl  
Denner

Pastor Mark



Peggy Hemphill  
Sherry Henrichs

Radene Beran  
Kendra K Weers

Youth Breakfast

Susan Lawton  
Betty Lawrence





Barb Sasse  
Deb Nippert

Michelle Engelman  
Jane Pretzer

# April 2017



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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"> <p><b>There will be a Confirmation Lock-In this month. Date and time was not available at press time. Please check the Weekly Bulletin for updates.</b></p> </div>						<b>1</b>
<p><i>Red Hymnal</i> <b>2</b> Worship Service 9:30 AM Holy Communion SUNDAY SCHOOL 10:30 AM</p>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>
<p><i>Blue Hymnal</i> <b>9</b> Worship Service 9:30 AM SUNDAY SCHOOL 10:30 AM and Confirmation (at Parsonage) Youth Meeting 6:30 at Parsonage</p> <p><i>Palm Sunday</i></p>	<b>10</b> <i>Eunice Circle</i> 1:30pm	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> Confirmation Service Project 7:00-8:30pm	<b>13</b>  Seder Meal 7:30 pm	<b>14</b>  GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE 7:30 pm	<b>15</b>
<p><i>Red Hymnal</i> <b>16</b> Easter Sunrise Service 6:30 AM Holy Communion Easter Breakfast Easter Worship Service 9:30 AM Holy Communion NO SUNDAY SCHOOL</p>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> Council Meeting 7:00pm	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>
<p><i>Blue Hymnal</i> <b>23</b> Youth-Led Worship Service 9:30 AM SUNDAY SCHOOL 10:30 AM and Confirmation (at Parsonage)</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; width: fit-content;"> <p><i>Spring Salad Supper</i> 5:30pm</p> </div> <p>Youth Meeting 6:30 at Parsonage</p>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> <i>Work Day</i> All Day	<b>26</b> Confirmation 7:00-8:30pm	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>
<p><i>Red Hymnal</i> <b>30</b> Worship Service 9:30 AM</p> <p> Confirmation SUNDAY SCHOOL 10:30 AM <i>Newscaster items due</i></p>			<p>ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH PO Box 37 DILLER, NE 68342</p>			