

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.*

September 2020

Pastor Mark Liscom

Learning to Look for the God Within You

Sometimes, when listening for God, we often only look to that which outside of ourselves. We may hear God in nature for example, or see God in current events. God is in the Bible. Or a sermon...or a song. Perhaps another person may help us to see and hear God.

But how do we learn to perceive the God within? In 1 John 4:16 we read, "God is love, and whoever abides in love abides in God, and God abides in him". Paul writes that our bodies are temples of the Holy Spirit who lives within us. In other words, God is living within us. And speaking to us from within.

We each have an internal chatter, an internal "buzz", a tape of thoughts and feelings that sometimes whirls at blinding speed. We are filled with our desires, what we want to do this weekend, and who said what to who at dinner last night. Our world is noisy and loud, our phones scream at us to pay attention to them, and there is the relentless schedule. It's easy to lose our inner life.

But for our time I am increasingly convinced that we need to recover the ability to hear what's really going on within us. We need to learn to listen to what we hear in silence. For there underneath all the clutter and the noise, there is a person God has made waiting for you to meet. You!

NEWS LETTER

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Christian Education and VBS – Kristen Hennerberg, Kristen Heidemann,

Elizabeth Roelfs and Sheri Schultis

Youth News – Jacyl Schultis, Skylar Pretzer, Brianna Weers and Neleigh Weers

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WELCA Coffee List – Elizabeth Roelfs

Sponsors for the September Newscaster are

Dean and Beth Roelfs

**In Honor of Aubrey's Birthday
and**

**The Hemphill Family in Honor of
Franklin and Betty Damrow's
73rd Wedding Anniversary**



Congratulations to all and Thank You So Much for your Sponsorship!!

*As of press time, **one sponsor is still needed for October and one for November.***

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



Cross Walk Kickoff Party!!

Come and enjoy a parking lot party
for the kickoff of the 2020-21
Cross Walk Christian Education season!

**Wednesday, September 16
St. Paul Lutheran Parking Lot
After School until 5pm**

Come enjoy music, games, snacks,
and of course, FUN as we kick off our
next year of Christian Education!



St. Paul Lutheran Church Council Minutes for August 17, 2020

Members present were Jamie Schultis, David Henrichs, Gary Bergmeier, Tyler Wolken and Pastor Mark Liscom. Members not present were Darin Weers and Melvin Beran. The meeting was opened with sharing life and faith stories with each other. The council reviewed the minutes from the last meeting. David moved to accept the minutes and Gary seconded. Minutes from July were approved.

Treasurer's Report

Gary reported that the available balance in the account is \$6,284.62. Once Norris, Solution One, Portico, and Vacation Bible School bills are paid that will leave a balance of \$5,205.53. Jamie moved to accept the treasurer's report and David seconded. Motion passed.

Memorial Treasurer's Report

Darin reported that the account had an interest of \$0.38 and a balance as of July 31st for \$8181.11.

Pastor Report

Since Pastor was on vacation we didn't receive a full detailed report. He did get his new computer up and running and was able to connect the Facebook Live feed to the big screen for in person sermons.

Vice Chairman's Report

Jamie wanted to give a thank you to Charlie, Ardith and Marcy Barber for their help in organizing and cleaning the storage rooms and Sunday school rooms. Also, thank you to everyone else who had a hand in helping with that project. Thanks to the entire VBS committee and crew who helped with the video recordings and organizing the tailgate party.

Committee Reports

Christian Education- The team just finished wrapping up Vacation Bible School and is looking forward to starting another year of Crosswalk. The committee will meet shortly to discuss details and start time for the 2020-2021 year. The committee is always looking for volunteers that can help in any way possible with Crosswalk. If you're interested please contact Tyler Wolken for more details.

Property- The old Sunday school room construction is completed. Thanks to everyone who helped support and donate their time to seeing the completion of this project.

Memorial- N/A Property- N/A Communication/Outreach- N/A

Nominating- N/A Food Stand- N/A

Old Business

- David Henrichs went to Stanton's to lock in propane order for this fall/winter. We went ahead and booked 3500 gallons with \$700 down, which came to 0.97/gal.
- On September 28 the older copier will be getting replaced with a new since we switched providers.

New Business

- The council is looking into getting a FM transmitter to help with the drive-in services as weather gets colder. This also may help with the speaker issues we have from time to time.
- Pastor Mark will be having an online Zoom spiritual formation group starting here shortly for anyone that wants to join. Look for details to come shortly!
- To receive the current most up to date information with what is going on at St. Paul please follow us on our Facebook page for information. Search for (St. Paul's Lutheran Church Diller Nebraska).

The next church council meeting was set for September 16th, 2020 at 7:30PM. Committees are encouraged to meet if they so choose. Committee meetings will begin at 7PM-7:30PM prior to the council meeting. Jamie moved to adjourn the meeting and Gary seconded. Motion carried. The meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer.

~ Tyler Wolken, Council Secretary

TREASURER'S REPORT for June not available TREASURER'S REPORT FOR JULY

Current Balances as of 7/22/2020:

Checking Account Balance	\$ 14,087.68
Benevolence	125.00
World Hunger	25.00
Special Designations	630.59
Insurance Claim	9,606.28
Total Operating Cash Available	\$ 3,700.81

Bills Due by 8/1/2020:

Norris Public Power (estimate)	250.00
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TREASURER'S REPORT FOR AUGUST

Current Balances as of 8/19/2020:

Checking Account Balance	\$ 6,985.21
Benevolence	175.00
World Hunger	25.00
Special Designations	500.59
Total Operating Cash Available	\$ 6,284.62

Bills Due by 9/1/2020:

Norris Public Power (estimate)	250.00
Solution One (estimate)	150.00
VBS	643.09
Total Outstanding Bills	\$ 1,043.09

Study ^{the} Bible
with us



Eunice Circle

Eunice Circle met on August 10, 2020 at 1:30pm. Norma Banahan led our Bible Study. "Just Love – in the nation: Giving birth to justice. God calls us to act with love."

Our study texts from Exodus 1:8-22.

We opened with prayer and Hymn, "We Are Called." We closed with prayer and Hymn, "For All the Faithful Women" and The Lord's Prayer.

Norma called our meeting to order. Minutes were read and approved. Members answered Roll Call. Our offering was \$15.00.

Old Business: Preparing for WELCA Unit Meeting on August 5, 2020, if still meeting. Work Day was July 21st.

New Business: All school bags are finished with ropings. They will be filled. Work Day is August 25th.

After Grace, Linda Behrends served refreshments.

Next Eunice Circle meeting will be September 14, 2020 at 1:30pm, September book. Irene Gibson will be Study Leader.

- Irene Gibson, Recorder

FUNERAL LUNCHEON NOTICE

Due to the Covid-19 Pandemic, it was decided after much discussion, that St. Paul Lutheran Women of the ELCA will not be serving any funeral luncheons until further notice.

Important Notice

We pray for the following church members and those in need, those who have been ill or injured/hospitalized recently:

Franklin and Betty Damrow, who both have returned to the Kensington after hospital/rehabilitation stays

Julie Schmidt, who fell and suffered a hand fracture, but is home and recovering

Jeanette Bures, who fell and fractured her leg, and is now recovering at home

Howard Behrends, who has been hospitalized recently

Brett Landenberger, who had back surgery and is home recovering

Ray Landenberger and Darlene Balderson, who have recently been moved to Heritage Care Center in Fairbury

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, Margery Keefover, Ray Landenberger, Darlene Balderson, Skylar Folkers and Eden Lottman





St. Paul Women of the ELCA

Unit Meeting
August 5, 2020

A Unit Meeting of the Women of the ELCA was held Wednesday, August 5, at 7:00pm. The meeting was attended by nine women. We started the evening by threading ropes in the school back packs which will be filled with school supplies. We thank Irene Gibson for taking charge of this project. She has purchased the school supplies with monetary donations and will fill the back packs.

The Eunice Circle gave the program about how vocations are primarily directed toward our neighbors, not to God. Different stories were read describing how individuals started out with one profession and later found that God had called them to an entirely different vocation that they were much more suited for.

President Ardith Barber opened the meeting with an interesting reading of the story behind the Hymn, "It Is Well With My Soul."

The business meeting followed. Minutes of the February 5th meeting were read and approved. Due to the Covid-19 Pandemic, the May Unit meeting was cancelled. It was reported that the balance in our treasury is \$995.35.

The work group committee reported that they had completed 8 quilts. Diapers and soap have been ordered for the baby care kits which will be put together in October. The college students care packages will be put together at our next Unit meeting on November 4, 2020.

Thank you to all who signed up to help with the card project. Those who have signed up for the upcoming months are Radene Beran, August; Jane Pretzer, September; Julie Schmidt, October; Donna Damrow, November; Beth Roelfs, December; Norma Banahan, January 2021 and Linda Behrends, February 2021. We would encourage others who would like to remember these friends to do so as well. The names and addresses of those receiving cards are:

Franklin & Betty Damrow
The Kensington
105 N 6th St., Apt. 510
Beatrice, NE 68310

Margery Keefover
c/o Village Healthcare Center
1709 S Main St.
Broken Arrow, OK 74012


Ray Landenberger
Heritage Care Center
909 17th St.
Fairbury, NE 68352

Cindy Bartlett
101 Laramie St.
Diller, NE 68342

Skylar Folkers
303 Castor St.
Diller, NE 68342

Eden Lottman
58076 709th Road
Diller, NE 68342

Our Next Unit Meeting will be November 4, 2020 at 7:00pm. Offering for the evening was \$49. Thank you to Ardie Barber for serving refreshments.



*Respectfully Submitted,
Peggy Hemphill*

PLEASE JOIN US!

As many of you know, Pastor Mark has been encouraging us to read the Psalms on a more regular basis. At our last WELCA meeting, we decided, as a way to “be together” and work on this goal of reading the Psalms, that on Wednesdays at 1:00, we would all read Psalm 91.

This is a wonderful Psalm that speaks to us about God's protection and love, and is very fitting for all of us right now.

The simple meaning of Psalm 91 is that **we should trust God and he will protect us from harm.** (Keep in mind that what God considers harm is on a spiritual and eternal level, although he will also work the physical to our good.)

We invite all of you to join with us, on Wednesday's at 1:00 p.m. and read the 91st chapter of Psalms.

We are planning to choose another Psalm to read together for October, if you have a favorite, please send your request it to Ardith.

Tip: set your phone to remind you when it's time to read, also, there is an easy app you can download that has the complete bible where you can easily bring up this or any book and read it. It will even read it to you, if you choose. It's simply called the “Holy Bible”, it has a picture of a brown bible with a red ribbon bookmark, we are using the NIV version but reading different versions can be very interesting. I'm sure there are more apps that will do the same thing, pick the one that's right for you.

Included is a slightly different prayer version that we passed out at a WELCA that you can cut out to have on hand. Come join us!

~Submitted by Ardie Barber

Praying Psalm 91

Lord,

Thank you that I can dwell in your shelter and rest in the shadow of your almighty power and strength. I can confidently say that you are my refuge and my fortress. You are my God, in whom I trust. I ask that you will save me from the fowler's snare, and from the deadly pestilence that swirls around me. I trust that you will cover me with your feathers, and under your wings I will find refuge. Your faithfulness is my shield and rampart. I will not fear the terror of night, nor the arrow that flies by day, nor the pestilence that stalks in the darkness, nor the plague that destroys at midday. A thousand may fall at my side, ten thousand at my right hand, but it will not come near me. I will only observe with my eyes and see the punishment of the wicked. Thank you for being my refuge. You are the Most High, and you are my dwelling. No harm will overtake me, and no disaster will come near my tent.

*I pray this in your name,
Amen.*

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Please check out the article in next month's Newscaster about the remodeling project and massive reorganization that took place in the church in August – a LOT has happened during our time away from the church!

St. Paul VBS 2020

“Pulling Kids Back Into The Bible”



Day 3 – The day started with a Sing-Along, “I’ve Got the Joy...Down In My Heart”! Next were a couple Bible Facts about Christ. The Bible story was “A Fishy Tale”...about Jonah, and how he didn’t behave, and ignored what God wanted. When Jonah got in trouble, God protected him by sending a whale to save him. Jonah got the message, and did what God wanted – and saved Nineveh by learning to OBEY.

VBS went virtual in 2020 with 4 sessions that portrayed familiar Bible stories with a bit of a twist.

A wonderful troop of willing actors recreated the dramatization of Noah’s noisy cruise on the ark, Jonah and his up close experience with the whale, David who could kill lions, bears and giants AND Daniel who spent a night snuggling with the lions.

Each lesson included Bible Facts, a review of the previous hero and Bible point, Highs and Lows of the week and MUSIC in addition to the story of the day.

Some of the Bible Facts were: the Old Testament are stories before Jesus and the New are after his birth, there were 40 authors of the 66 books of the Bible and Christians believe in Christ who is also called Jesus.

Together we learned that Noah was faithful, Jonah learned to obey, David trusted God and Daniel stayed true to God no matter what.

The 20ish minute videos were aired on July 27, 30 and Aug. 3, 6. Prior to each posting the students received a mailing of age appropriate activities related to the story. Forty-five households received each mailing representing 68 children from preschool through the 6th grade.

A Parking Lot Party ending with root beer floats was hosted at St. Paul’s for all children and their families on Aug. 7 from 5:30 - 6:30. Games and activities that recapped the VBS stories were planned. Unfortunately, only one guest attended BUT, the 10 volunteers and 1 guest enjoyed a lovely visit and tasty ice cream treat.

Video volunteers included Marcy Barber, Josie and Kristen Hennerberg, Pastor Mark, Dean and Beth Roelfs, Brennan, Caleb, Jadyn, Jamie and Sheri Schultis and Tyler Wolken.

Party planners and volunteers were Kristen Heidemann, Keira and Kristen Hennerberg, Jeanette Hennerberg, Beth Roelfs, Kellan and Stacy Schlichtman, Brennan and Jadyn Schultis, Joely and Kendra Weers, and Tyler Wolken.

We invite everyone to enjoy the videos by going to the St. Paul’s Lutheran Church Diller Nebraska facebook page.

Be sure to check out the “Bloopers” also posted on the Church Facebook Page!



Day 4 – Today started with the Bible Facts about the books of the Bible. The final Bible story was, “Who’s FEEDING the LIONS?” talking about Daniel’s faith in the Lions’ den. King Darius had Daniel and others watch over the governors, and the others were jealous of Daniel, so they had a plan to get rid of him. After being thrown into the Lion’s Den, an Angel protected Daniel from the Lion, and the jealous ones took Daniel’s place and were promptly eaten. Just like Daniel, God protects all who come to him in prayer. VBS was closed with the song, “I Am A C-H-R-I-S-T-I-A-N!”, some highs and lows and a prayer.



St. Paul Lutheran Confirmation August 2, 2020



Confirmation at St. Paul Lutheran took place on Sunday, August 2, 2020.

On the left, our Confirmands for 2020 are (front) Cole Ebeling, David Parde, Keira Hennerberg and (back) Zachary Warren, Pastor Mark Liscom and Kellan Schlichtman.

At the next picture, Jeanette Bures presents the confirmands with their prayer books. Above center, confirmands take part in the ceremony of Affirmation of Baptism. On the right, cake was served outdoors (at a safe distance) after worship to honor the Confirmands.

Congratulations to you all! You made it through a truly extraordinary time!



CONFIRMATION AND YOUTH GROUP NEWS!!

Youth Group and Confirmation are getting started up again! Confirmation classes will begin on Wednesday, September 9 at 7pm at the church. Parents' nights and service projects will begin when the pandemic has subsided.

Youth Group will begin on Sunday, September 13 at 6:30 at the church to maintain social distancing. Looking forward to the new year!

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

September Wedding Anniversaries

September 1, 1967

☞ Mr. & Mrs. Jim and Jeanette Bures

September 5, 2010

☞ Mr. & Mrs. Scott and Linda Beran

September 7, 1947

☞ Mr. & Mrs. Franklin & Betty Damrow

September 29, 1968

☞ Mr. & Mrs. David and Leana Lottman

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

September Birthdays

1 Gail Engelman
1 Cassandra Lottman
4 Jacki Smith
5 Riley Sasse
6 Cathy Lyons
7 Jamie Schultis
8 Tim Scheele
9 Betty Damrow
10 Guilford Wiemers
10 Andrew Graves
11 Shawn Lottman
11 Aubrey Roelfs

12 Clayton Spilker
12 Draedyn Sasse
13 Richard Schnuelle
14 Norman Balderson
14 Ryan Nippert
14 Reid Rallis
16 Charles Barber
16 Cheryl Denner
17 Cindy Bartlett
17 B.J. Stein
17 Shannon Stein
18 Robbyn Roelfs
19 Kelsay Schlichtman

20 Hollie Crawford
21 Angie Clifford
23 Ann Parde
23 Christopher Schmidt
24 Skylar Pretzer
25 Alexis Parde
25 Tori Smith
26 Kay Taylor
26 Kevin Sasse
26 Matthew Nippert
27 David Lottman
30 Kristen Hennerberg



September 6 Sunday Worship Service
With Holy Communion**
 Drive-In, Facebook, or Inside Seating

September 13 Sunday Worship Service
 Drive-In, Facebook, or Inside Seating

September 20 Sunday Worship Service
 Drive-In, Facebook, or Inside Seating

September 27 Sunday Worship Service
 Drive-In, Facebook, or Inside Seating



October 4 Sunday Worship Service
With Holy Communion First Communion
 Worship Assistant,
 Greeter,



Worship Assistants, Greeters and Ushers are NOT scheduled for the foreseeable future due to COVID-19. When In-Person worship resumes, all will be rescheduled.



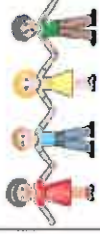
Myleigh Weers*

Joely Weers*

Peyton Denner*

Brennan Schultis*

Madeline Parde*



Children's Sermon

Pastor Mark

Beth Roelfs

Beth Roelfs

Beth Roelfs

Pastor Mark



Coffee will not be served for the foreseeable future due to COVID-19. When the state mandates allow and In-Person worship resumes, the coffee list will be rescheduled.

September 2020



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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
First Communion Sunday, October 4 CROSS WALK ("Sunday School") Begins Wednesday, September 16						
<i>Drive-In or Indoor Seating</i> <i>Red Hymnal</i> Worship Service 6 9:30 AM	7 LABOR Day	8	9 Confirmation 7:00pm	10	11 Patriot Day	12
<i>Drive-In or Indoor Seating</i> <i>Blue Hymnal</i> Worship Service 13 9:30 AM Youth Meeting 6:30 at Church	14 <i>Eunice Circle</i> 1:30pm	15	16 <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; width: fit-content; margin: 0 auto;"> CROSS WALK Parking Lot Party and Kickoff 4:00pm </div> Committees/Council Meetings 7:00/7:30pm	17	18	19
<i>Drive-In or Indoor Seating</i> <i>Red Hymnal</i> Worship Service 20 9:30 AM <div style="border: 1px solid red; padding: 2px; width: fit-content; margin: 0 auto; color: red;"> <i>Newscaster items due</i> </div>	21 HAPPY FALL	22 Work Day All Day	23 <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; width: fit-content; margin: 0 auto;"> CROSS WALK Christian Ed 4:00pm </div>	24	25 WELCA Autumn Renewal Registration Due	26 First Communion and Acolyte Class 10am
<i>Drive-In or Indoor Seating</i> <i>Blue Hymnal</i> Worship Service 27 9:30 AM	28	29 Work Day All Day	30 <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; width: fit-content; margin: 0 auto;"> CROSS WALK Christian Ed 4:00pm </div> Confirmation 7:00pm	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"> *** PLEASE CHECK THE CHURCH WEBSITE OR FACEBOOK PAGE*** FOR ALL UPDATES AND INFORMATION <i>These uncertain times make it very difficult to plan, please check the website or Facebook page for the most current information.</i> </div>		



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