

St. Paul Newscaster



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Learning to think too highly of yourself

"We often speak of people who think too highly of themselves. But I am inclined to think that I have never met a person who thought highly enough of themselves"

--Dallas Willard

When I heard that quote it really hit home with me. I think most of the time we speak in a negative way of people who think too highly of themselves. And if we come across someone who does think in such a manner, perhaps our usual response is to believe that they need to be "brought down a peg or two". We're supposed to believe for example that we are NOT worthy. That we should try not to draw attention to ourselves, and this is called humility. Stay out of the spotlight, keep a low profile.

But the truth is that people who think too highly of themselves in a way that is arrogant or "I'm better than you" are usually that way because they don't think highly enough of themselves. Perhaps they've been on the receiving end of many punishments or criticisms. They have been "brought down a peg or two" by others who are mean spirited in the process. If it one thing that is painfully true, it is that you do NOT learn humility by being humiliated.

The truth is, that done rightly, you cannot think too highly of yourself. The God of all Creation gave his son for you. You are worth dying for. You are made in God's image. The whole of the universe was created and sustained for the purpose of the plan God has for you to become the person were meant to be. Ephesians 2:10 puts it well, "For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus for good works which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them."

Think highly of yourself. Learn that you cannot think too highly of yourself when you capture God's love for you.

Pastor Mark

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and*

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We thank you for your sponsorship and support.

Please note that the sign-up sheet for 2019 sponsorships is up and four sponsorships are available.

*Please consider sponsoring a Newscaster to continue providing this communication tool
to the members of the congregation.*



Maundy Thursday

Seder Meal

7:30pm

Thursday, April 18



Easter

Easter Sunrise Service 6:30am

Breakfast by St. Paul's Youth
Following Sunrise Service

Easter Worship Service 9:30 am

Sunday, April 21



**Good
Friday**

Good Friday Services

7:30pm

Friday, April 19

St. Paul Lutheran Church Council Minutes for March 19, 2019

Pastor opened up the meeting with a devotional prayer. Members present were Jamie Schultis, Tyler Wolken, Allen Roelfs, Melvin Beran, and Darin Weers. Cindy Lottman was not present. Minutes from February were reviewed. Darin moved to accept the minutes, and Allen seconded. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report

Allen reported that the current balance is \$11,498.04. The Thrivent, Norris, and Solution One still need to be paid, but will be paid at the end of the month. There is still an estimated \$532.84 in outstanding bills. Allen reported that the congregation continues to donate graciously in the offering and hopes it will continue. Tyler moved to accept the treasurer's report and Darin seconded. Motion passed.

Memorial Treasurer's Report

Darin reported that the balance in the account is \$13,323.94. Interest on the account was \$2.04. Darin is planning to meet with Donna Damrow to discuss potential memorial ideas. Allen brought up the suggestion of potentially getting a new copier lease/contract agreement with another company. An idea that was mentioned was that we use some memorial money to fund a new lease agreement or purchase a new copier. Council agreed to continue to discuss this idea and other potential projects. Melvin moved to accept the memorial report and Allen seconded. Motion passed.

Pastor's Report

Five worship services (one cancelled), 1 Ash Wednesday service, 1 Lenten service, 3 confirmation classes, 2 youth group meetings, 5 home communions, 2 Vision committee meetings, 3 text studies, 1 meeting with Bishop's assistant, 1 Women's bible study, and 1 Hospital call. Mileage that was reported was 129 miles.

- Pastor reported that youth group meeting last Sunday was cancelled due to poor attendance.
- It was mentioned that the hot water heater in the church was leaking during the Sweetheart supper. Not sure of cause, but believed not to be an issue. Allen agreed to diagnose problem and act accordingly.
- The Seder meal is still happening this year. Pastor has been working on getting an adult choir to perform for the Easter service.

Vice Chairman's Report

Jamie reported that the first soup supper meal was a success. There was a lot of thanks and appreciation for the meal. Jamie suggested that we consider creating a Facebook page to help promote and inform the congregation on events happening. The council discussed this idea and it was well received. Tyler agreed to create the page and post updates regularly. Jamie received an update from Sunni Richardson, who is the Vision Team chairman. The update was positive and she hinted to the direction the group is heading in. If the congregation wants to know more details, they are to talk to a Vision Team member. Lastly, Jamie is seeking to round-up all the church council handbooks to distribute to the current members. Any handbooks that are still out are to be returned to Jamie.

Committee Report

- Christian Education- Meeting March 21 to discuss ideas for VBS.
- Memorial- Darin is meeting with Donna Damrow 3/20 to discuss potential memorial ideas.
- Transformational Ministry- The committee is looking to reengage transformational ministry. They are looking to reorganize the team. The committee is currently inactive and awaiting an outcome from Vision team. Next meeting will be late June or July.
- Music and Worship- Choir will meet for Easter day service.
- Food Stand- Diller Picnic is scheduled for June 27-29. Talked about the new events coming this year and potential for an additional foodstand at and event.

Old Business

Jamie mentioned again the potential for changing accounts from Fairbury to the Odell Bank. Council decided to table the discussion until a full council was present.

New Business

- Jamie brought up that the council is in need of appointing a new council auditor. Looking for one member. Little discussion was had and will be discussed further at next meeting.
- Newscaster will continue to be available online to anyone wanting an online copy. They are to contact Sheri Schultis for a digital copy.
- Jamie mentioned that we should consider using an online Google doc. or another online program to help create an easier way for the council and pastor to document activities and business that occurs. While most discussion was positive, it will be something that will be looked into further another time.

The next council meeting will be on Wednesday, April 17 at 6p.m. The meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer. Allen moved to adjourn the meeting and Melvin seconded. Motion passed.

- Tyler Wolken, Council Secretary

TREASURER'S REPORT

General Fund Balance as of 3/26/2018

Bills Due by end of March Norris (estimate) 275.00

Total Due:

<u>Last Month: February</u>	
Current	\$ 3,973.80
Benevolence	162.20
World Hunger	0.00
Specials	70.00
TOTAL	\$ 4,206.00

\$ 11,498.04

Thrivent \$100.00

Solution One 157.84

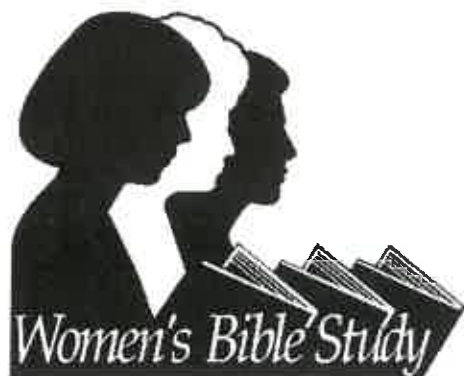
\$ 532.84

Current Month: March (as of 3/18/19)

Current	\$ 5,775.00
Benevolence	791.00
World Hunger	25.00
Specials	35.00
TOTAL	\$ 6,626.00



We need \$10,111.21 in CURRENT per month to meet the 2019 budget.



Eunice Circle

Eunice Circle met on March 11, 2019 at 1:30pm. The Bible study was led by Irene Gibson. Gospel of John, "Meetings with Jesus – Friends for life in Christ." In the Gospel of John, we see how the lives of a woman who committed adultery, a blind man and three friends of Jesus are transformed by faith.

The theme verse was from John 15:15. Our Study text was from John 8:1-11; John 9:1-11, 24-27 and 35-41; John 11:21-44; John 12: 1-8; John 13:1-15 and John 17:2-24.

We opened with a prayer and Hymn, "Will You Come and Follow Me." We closed with prayer and Hymn, "Beloved, God's Chosen" 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 \$12.00.

Old Business: WELCA will meet February 26th at 1pm. Work Day is February 26th.

New Business: Spring Salad Supper will be April 30th at 6:00pm. WELCA Unit meeting will be May 2, 2019 at 7pm. Our program for WELCA will be on August 6, 2019 at 7pm. Work Day is on March 26th, 2019.

After Grace, Marla Weichel served refreshments.

Next Eunice Circle meeting will be April 8, 2019 at 1:30pm, April book. Kay Taylor will be Bible Study leader.

- Irene Gibson, Recorder

St. Paul Lutheran Church

WELCA Spring Salad Super

"Birds of a Feather"

Tuesday, April 30, 2019

Starting at 6:00pm

**Come and enjoy fellowship, wonderful food,
and a fun program.**

A small group of ladies called the Seniorettes from Beatrice are coming to entertain with light-hearted comedy and singing. We encourage all women of St. Paul to come, bring a salad, and please invite a friend, should be a fun evening.



Women of the ELCA

Unit Meeting
February 26, 2019



The Unit Meeting was opened by Pres Ardith Barber with comments of thanks to the 8 women and pastor for attending. We opened with a prayer and our mission statement read in unison. Pastor began with a bible study of discussion on “Enemies” referring to scripture on Jesus’s Enemies. The women all offered their ideas, feelings, observations, and opinions freely, making this a very interesting subject.

Ending points: Opposing views but the really deep down longing for them to be your friend or in other words— Forgiveness, Love you enemies, and Psalms 23--All allowing us to leave, taking many good things to think and pray about.

The business meeting was called to order. Many thanks extended to retiring Pres Linda Beran for all she accomplished and her great organizational and leading skills. We welcomed Linda Behrends into the executive officers and thanked her for taking on the Vice Pres position. Minutes were read by Robbyn Roelfs, approved as read. Treasurer Jeanette Bures reported she able to switch our WELCA account from Fairbury to Odell bank due to the changes in ownership of the Fairbury bank and simple convenience. She reviewed transactions, and gave an ending balance of \$640.96. Cleo moved, seconded by Jane Pretzer, motion carried.

Noteworthy transactions include: \$207.00 Free will offering for diapers; \$180.55 ThankOffering; \$357.21 paid for diapers/soap etc. for baby layettes; donation of \$200.00 to Synod WELCA for shipping of various kit (she reported it being well received with thanks)

Committee Reports

Jane Pretzer-Work Group -- Judy Garton and Judy Landenberger retired with Linda Behrends and Linda Beran volunteering. Request for table clothes discussed. Robbyn made motion with Carolyn Schultis second-approved. Jane will do it.

Jeanette Bures-Kitchen -- Judy Garton retired with Jeanette Bures volunteering. She is cleaning out.

Card Service Project -- WE NEED A VOLUNTEER PLEASE!!!

Eunice Circle, Work Day, Warren’s Table all proceeding well.

Projects brought for Vote:

75% of Unit and Eunice Circle Offerings to Synod.

\$150 Annual to St John’s Food Pantry—disbursed in two donations

\$150 Annual to Blue Valley-----disbursed in two donations

\$150 Annual to Wymore Food Pantry —disbursed in two donations

\$75 Donation—Spring Gathering held Mar 23 at St Paul-Auburn.

Norma Banahan moved to continue support, second by Cleo, vote carried. Camp Carol Joy Holling asking \$17 for Tied Fleece Blanket Kit for Summer Service Project. Jane made motion to do 3 kits- \$51. Second by Carolyn, vote carried.

There was discussion suggesting a program subject of Human Trafficking which was tabled for future discussion. The Spring Salad Supper was discussed, “Birds of a Feather Prayer Together” will be held Tuesday April 30th at 6:00PM. Please note date changed due to schedule of the “Seniorettes,” a group of women from Beatrice who will give the program. **PLEASE bring a friend!!**

WELCA Officers serve Lenten Service April 10th. **Next meeting will be May 2nd at 7:00PM.** Offering of \$38.00 was collected. Jeanette served refreshments and our meeting was closed with prayer read in unison.

Dear Father,

Give us eyes that see the best in people,

A heart that forgives the worst,

A mind that forgets the bad,

And a soul that never loses faith in God. Amen

Respectfully submitted,
Robbyn Roelfs, Sec

Mission Work Day

Meeting February 26, seven quilts were tied and taken home to be hemmed. This amazing ministry is one that blesses the lives of quilters and those who receive quilts.

Our next work days are March 26,
April 23 & 30. Please join us, we start at 9 a.m.
and end our day around 3:30 with coffee and fellowship.

"Those who sleep under a quilt, sleep under a blanket of love."



Envision!



A newly formed Envision Team at St. Paul is actively engaged in working with Pastor Liscom, and the Church Council to outline goals for the Pastor, for the Church Council and for the Congregation. Serving as the Team's Coach/Facilitator is Sunni Richardson, Deacon/Director of Discipleship at First Lutheran Church, Lincoln.

The team has met three times, actively participating in meaningful and healthy conversations. Goal ideas are being shared with the primary assignment of the Team to put these goals together into a productive and workable format.

Envision Team members are Jeanette Bures, Linda Beran, Jim Damrow, Dennis Hennerberg, Sheri Schultis, Marla Weichel, Melvin Weers and Jane Pretzer with Pastor Liscom also present at these meetings.

The Congregation is asked to please continue to hold the Envision Team in Prayer as they continue to meet and strive to develop goals which will include clear objectives, defined timeframes and measurable outcomes for the future of St. Paul.

I would like to thank everyone for the cards and kind wishes since my ankle surgery. Our church family is truly caring!

- Ardie Barber



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, Richard Schnuelle,
Eden Lottman and Skylar Folkers.*



The Confirmation classes will be on Sunday, **April 7th** at 7pm for Parents' Night and on Wednesday, April 24, at 4pm for 6th Grade and at 7pm for 7th and 8th Grades.

Final class will be on Wednesday, May 1.

CONFIRMATION will be on Sunday, May 5.

Please see the church website, www.stpauldiller.com for updated acolyte and class schedules. "Homework" is also available on the website.

If you have pictures and/or information about Confirmation students/activities, PLEASE email them to Kendra K Weers.

Griffin Speech Has Great Season

Four members of the Griffin Speech team finished their season at the NSAA Speech Championships Friday, March 22. Congratulations to our state qualifiers, Stephanie Rosales, Melina Kostal, Ryan Arnold and Madelyn Swanson. Also to **Kelsay Schlichtman, Samantha Clifford, Jadyn Schultis**, and the entire speech team for a successful season!



Congratulations to Joely Weers, who placed 7th at the District Spelling Contest in Fairbury on March 9, 2019.

School news



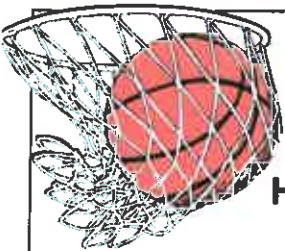
Griffin Seventh Graders Win ESU #5 Robotics Competition

The 7th Grade Robotics team won the ESU#5 robotics competition on March 12. Congratulations to Zachary Warren and the rest of the team on a job well done!



Washington Flagship Program Close Up Goes to D.C.

The week of March 20, Sen. Deb Fischer visited with students from Diller-Odell participating in the **Close Up-Washington, D.C. Educational Programs**. Students went to Washington, D.C. to see firsthand how our government works. Members from our church that participated were Hollie Crawford and Neleigh Weers.



Lincoln Journal-Star All-State Honorable Mention Basketball

Congratulations to Bryston Warren, Haley Jones and Addison Heidemann who were named to the Lincoln Journal-Star All State Honorable Mention List.

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 28** (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. Thanks!!

The Nebraska Synod is coordinating with Lutheran Disaster Response to prepare the recovery efforts following this month's flooding and blizzard. Individuals and congregations wanting to support the future cleanup efforts can send donations to the Nebraska Synod Disaster Fund. If you give by check, please include "Nebraska Floods" in the memo line and mail it to:

Nebraska Synod ELCA
6757 Newport Avenue, Suite 200
Omaha Nebraska 68152



Volunteers Needed



We Need You!!

We are in need for two volunteers to go to Synod Assembly in Kearney on May 31-June 1 and represent our congregation.

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

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!



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 20. 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 Barnts
- 24 Larry Germer
- 26 Daniel Beran
- 26 Kendall Graves
- 27 Mykal Folkers
- 27 Madeline Parde
- 29 David Henrichs



- April 6, 2001
 ♡ Mr. & Mrs. Brian & Kendra K Weers
- April 12, 2014
 ♡ Mr. & Mrs. Tyler & Crystal Snyder
- 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 3 Lenten Service
Greeter, Dean Pretzer

April 7 Sunday Worship Service
With Holy Communion
Worship Assistant, Jim Damrow
Greeter, Charles Barber

April 14 Sunday Worship Service
Worship Assistant, Brian Weers
Greeter, Jim Damrow



April 18 Maundy Thursday Service
Greeter, Dennis Nippert
Seder Meal

April 19 Good Friday Service
Greeter, Jim Bures



April 21 Easter Sunday Worship Service
With Holy Communion
Easter Sunrise 6:30am
Worship Assistant, Kendra K. Weers
Greeter, Dean Pretzer
Easter Service 9:30am
Worship Assistant, David Henrichs
Greeter, Jim Damrow



April 28 Sunday Worship Service
Worship Assistant, Youth Group
Greeter, Youth Group



May 5 Sunday Worship Service
With Holy Communion
Confirmation Sunday
Worship Assistant, Jamie Schultis
Greeter, Dennis Nippert



Allen Roelfs Adam Roelfs
Dean Roelfs B. J. Stein

Kevin Sasse Karter Sasse
Riley Sasse Tim Scheele

Sunrise
Jonathan Schmidt Christopher Schmidt
Doug Schmidt Jamie Schultis

9:30 Service
Russell Schultis Brian Weers
Darin Weers Robert Weers

Youth Group

Melvin Weers Bob Wellsandt
Doyle Wolken Tyler Walken



Skylar Folkers
Joely Weers

Spencer Weers
Zachary Warren

Skylar Folkers
Joely Weers

Xavier Jones
Cole Ebeling

Keira Hennerberg
Brennan Schultis

Kellan Schlichtman
Myleigh Weers



Pastor Mark

David/Sherry
Henrichs

Sunrise
Jean Schmidt

9:30 Service
Beth Roelfs

Youth Group

Pastor Mark



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

Peggy Hemphill
Kalli Roelfs

Judy Landenberger
Toni Landenberger

Sunrise
Youth Group

9:30 Service
Susan Lawton
Betty Lawrence

Kendra S. Weers
Phyllis Wiemers

Barb Sasse
Tara Sasse

April 2019



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 Paperless You can choose to get your Newscaster in a paperless version. See article on page 2 as to how.	1	2	3 Lenten Supper 6:30PM Lenten Service 7:30PM	4	5	6
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Blue Hymnal Worship Service 14 9:30 AM SUNDAY SCHOOL 10:30 AM Youth Meeting 6:30 at Parsonage	15	16	17 Council Meeting 6:00pm	18  Seder Meal 7:30 pm	19  GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE 7:30 pm	20
Red Hymnal Easter Sunrise Service 21 6:30 AM Holy Communion Easter Breakfast Easter Worship Service 9:30 AM Holy Communion NO SUNDAY SCHOOL Newscaster items due	22	23 Work Day All Day	24 CONFIRMATION 6 th Grade 4pm 7 th -8 th Grades 7pm	25	26	27
Blue Hymnal Youth-Led Worship Service 28 9:30 AM SUNDAY SCHOOL 10:30 AM Youth Meeting 6:30 at Parsonage	29	30 Work Day All Day Spring Salad Supper 6:00pm	Please check the Weekly Bulletin for updates to this calendar			



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