

# St. Paul's Newscaster



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## Lent, Sin and Airplanes

Maybe it's a silly analogy, but in order to be approved to fly, an airplane needs to undergo a rigorous inspection every few years. Sometimes the plane is literally taken apart and pieces are put under the microscope looking for cracks and defects in the metal. I think most of us would recognize that this is a good thing to do when it comes to an airplane. We don't want the wing to fall off at 30,000 ft.

And yet when it comes to our own lives, sometimes I think we don't inspect ourselves very well for where the defects are, or where we need to fix things up. This has traditionally been what the season of Lent has been for. A time when we take a harder look at ourselves, spend the time to find the flaws.

I realize that there are dangers involved in this. Sometimes maybe, all we see are the flaws in ourselves. The way we were taught about sin made us feel ashamed of ourselves. So why would we go looking for the defects and the sin and the places in our lives that need to be worked on? We've been beaten up enough.....why should we look for more bad news?

Well, maybe the silly analogy about an airplane might help. The purpose of such an inspection would be to learn how to fly so to speak. To become more human, more real, more genuine. Less concerned about keeping up appearances and more concerned to care about other people.

Let's work on checking ourselves out a little more closely this Lenten season. It's hard work. But it is the work (I think) that helps us be the people God created us to be.

God's blessing this Lenten season,  
Pastor Mark

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## **Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser**

**A spaghetti dinner to raise funds for the Diller-Odell Fitness Center will be held on March 26<sup>th</sup> at the Diller Opera House from 11am to 1:30pm.**

**During the event at about noon, the Diller Community Foundation will hold their annual Granting Ceremony.**

**Please mark your calendar and plan to attend, your support of this project will be appreciated!!**



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

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

Minutes from the January meeting were reviewed and one correction was made by Marcy, where the minutes stated that the January Portico had been paid when it had not and still needs to be paid. David moved to accept and Marcy seconded. Motion passed.

## Treasurer's Report

Current Balance \$ 2,919.26

A bill from Stanton's needs to be paid and the January and February Portico still needs to be paid. Jean moved to accept and Charles seconded. Motion passed.

## Memorial Treasurer's Report

Current Balance \$18,001.27. The Memorial Committee is looking into the purchase of a new sign. Allen moved to accept and Marcy seconded. Motion passed.

## Pastors Report

- Four worship services, 1 annual meeting, 2 youth group meetings, 6 confirmation classes, 1 confirmation service project, 2 pre-marital counseling sessions, 2 hospital calls, 5 rest home visits, 3 text studies, 1 Cluster meeting, 2 other counseling sessions, 1 Synod Social Justice committee meeting (Omaha), 1 Sweetheart Supper. No mileage.

## Committee Reports

The Mutual Ministry Committee has been organized to plan and set goals for the church's mission. Pastor Mark and the Church Council talked about the mission. Pastor Mark presented a Bible study with questions for discussion.

## Old Business

None.

## New Business

- Election of Officers:
  - Vice Chairman – Charles Barber
  - Secretary – Jean Schmidt
  - Treasurer – Marcy Barber
  - Memorial Treasurer – Allen Roelfs
  - Financial Secretary – Cindy Lottman
  - Recording Secretary – David Henrichs
- Discussion was held on Pastor's health insurance and benefits package. Council agreed that it might be worth checking in to other options available.
- Discussion was held on whether it is necessary to continue ordering 100 tri-panel bulletins each week. Only about 50 are printed and used. Council agreed to order half as many and see if that is enough.
- The file cabinets in the copy room are in need of being cleaned. There are old files that could be removed to make room for current papers. Marcy and Charles volunteered to go through the information in the file cabinets.

### Council Committee Representatives:

- \* Christian Education – Cindy Lottman
- \* Memorial – Allen Roelfs
- \* Music and Worship – Marcy Barber
- \* Mutual Ministry – Jean Schmidt
- \* Property – David Henrichs and Charles Barber
- \* Nominating – Marcy Barber and Charles Barber

The next council meeting will be Wednesday, March 15 following Lenten service.

Marcy made a motion to adjourn and Cindy seconded. Motion passed. The meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer.

- Jean Schmidt, Council Secretary

TREASURER'S REPORT			
<b>General Fund Balance as of 2/14/2017</b>		<b>\$ 2,919.26</b>	
Bills Due by end of January :		Jan. Portico	\$ 3,849.65
Stanton Propane	950.40	Feb. Portico	3,849.65
		<b>Total Due:</b>	<b>\$ 8,649.70</b>
January/February			
<i>Last Month: January</i>		<i>Current Month: February</i>	
Current	\$ 11,354.68	Current	\$ 2,436.40
Benevolence	1,178.80	Benevolence	161.60
World Hunger	25.00	World Hunger	0.00
Specials	255.00	Specials	0.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 12,813.48</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 2,598.00</b>
<b>We need \$11,984.57 in CURRENT per month to meet the 2017 budget.</b>			



Women's  
STUDY  
GROUP



## Eunice Circle

Eunice Circle met on February 10, 2017 at 1:30pm. Norma Banahan was the leader of the Bible study, "Galatians – Christian Faith and Christian Freedom – Children of God through Faith: God's Grace and the new life we have in Christ are gifts we receive, rather than things we can earn or accomplish."

Theme verses were Galatians 3:25-29. Our texts were from Galatians 3:25-29. Our texts were from Galatians 2:19-3:29; Genesis 12:1-4, 15:1-6; Habakkuk 2:2-4 and Romans 1:16-17.

We opened with a prayer and Hymn, and closed with prayer and a Hymn and said The Lord's Prayer.

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

Old Business: Our projects will be Baby Care Kits, Health Care Kits, Fabric Kits and depending on amount of fabric for School Kits how many we will be able to fill. Work Days are January 24<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup>. Annual Church Congregational meeting will be January 22<sup>nd</sup> after worship services.

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

After Grace, Cleo Perkins served refreshments.

Next Eunice Circle meeting will be March 13, 2017 at 1:30pm, March book. Irene Gibson will lead the Bible Study.

- Irene Gibson, Recorder

## Work Day

Eight quilts were assembled January 31 with other work done as well.

Where did the LWR quilts and kits go in 2016? A recent report said items valued at \$13.3 million sent to 16 countries with 534,144 beneficiaries. Details are on the WELCA bulletin board. Our congregation has been a part of this effort to make a difference in lives in many parts of the world.

Work continues on February 28, then again March 28. This happens with the help of faithful workers, consider joining us!

**God's Work. Our Hands.**





*Sweetheart  
Supper  
February 12, 2017*



*Beautiful decorations, delicious food  
and lovely company made a  
memorable evening.*

*Thank you to our Youth, for always  
making this event so special.*



Join us for “prayer and pancakes” after worship on Sunday, March 19 at the parsonage for some time of fellowship.

To keep up with changes in the schedule and what may be coming up, please see the church website, [www.stpauldiller.com](http://www.stpauldiller.com). You can also find updated acolyte and class schedules and “homework”.

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

Greeter was Isaiah Weers and Ushers were Spencer Schmidt, Armando Jones, Jonathan Schmidt and Tim Scheele. Worship Assistant was Jesse Scheele. The Children's Sermon was led by Christopher Schmidt, who talked about Chicken Little and how the sky was falling, and his friends believed him and went into the fox hole for shelter and then the fox ate his friends. Chicken Little caused a lot of trouble by jumping to conclusions. First reading of Scripture was read by Christopher Schmidt, Second Scripture reading by Isaiah Weers and the Gospel was read by Hayley Denner.

The refreshments were served by all the Youth present.

The Youth will have a meeting in the evening of March 12 at the Parsonage, and will go bowling the evening of the 19<sup>th</sup>.



For a service project, our Confirmation students went to play Bingo with residents of Heritage Care Center in Fairbury on February 19. Residents enjoyed spending time with the youth and received prizes when they had a Bingo.



Pastor Mark has begun an Adult Education Forum, or lesson study, that will take place in the sanctuary during the Sunday School hour after worship services.

The plan is to begin about 10:40 and go no later than 11:00, so as to not conflict with peoples' plans for the day.

Please join us for some discussion and fellowship as we learn about God's word.





**NSWO Spring Gathering  
March 18, 2017  
Christ Lutheran Church  
Pickrell, NE**



The Southeast Conference Spring Gathering will be on March 18<sup>th</sup> at Christ Lutheran Church of Pickrell, NE.

If you are interested in attending the gathering, the registration fee of \$18.00 is due by March 4<sup>th</sup>. If postmarked after March 4<sup>th</sup>, the fee is \$20.00.

Registration forms and more details of the day can be found on the WELCA bulletin board in the Fellowship area or you can contact Jane Pretzer or Robby Roelfs.

*Steve Hemphill had his second total knee replacement on February 14<sup>th</sup> at Bryan LGH East in Lincoln.*

*He is recovering at home and is doing well.*

*We pray for his continued healing and recovery.*



**Our  
Friends  
in the  
Hospital**



**Always  
In Our  
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.



**Church Directory 2017**

We are updating our 2017 Church Directory to include e-mail addresses. Please let Jane know if you would like to have your e-mail address included.

Your cooperation is greatly appreciated!!!!  
Thank You!!!

**Lent**



**Worship Series**

Lent began on Ash Wednesday, March 1. Lenten services will be held Wednesdays at 7:30pm. Our Lenten series will be including the Confirmation students in a multi-generational approach.



**March Birthdays**



**March Wedding Anniversaries**

- |                    |                       |
|--------------------|-----------------------|
| 2 Karli Heidemann  | 12 Sonia Sasse        |
| 3 Jamie Hennerberg | 13 Brian Weers        |
| 4 Sherry Henrichs  | 15 Brian Hennerberg   |
| 4 Joshua Germer    | 19 Marlene Wolken     |
| 4 Isaiah Weers     | 19 Peyton Denner      |
| 5 Nathan Beran     | 20 Ronda Duis         |
| 6 Peggy Hemphill   | 21 Piper Hemphill     |
| 6 Daniel Fallier   | 21 Karter Sasse       |
| 12 Franklin Damrow | 22 Norma Banahan      |
| 12 Linda Holtmeier | 23 Brett Landenberger |
| 12 Jim Bures       | 27 Aybrie Nippert     |
| 12 Doyle Wolken    |                       |

- March 2, 1974  
☞ Mr. & Mrs. Douglas & Cindy Lottman
- March 6, 1976  
☞ Mr. & Mrs. Charles & Janet Whitehead
- March 27, 1976  
☞ Mr. & Mrs. Bob & Diane Wellsandt



# March

**March 1 Ash Wednesday Service**  
Greeter, Jim Damrow

**March 5 Sunday Worship Service**  
**With Holy Communion**  
Worship Assistant, Dennis Hennerberg  
Greeter, Don Meyer

**March 8 Lenten Service**  
Greeter, Dennis Nippert

**March 12 Sunday Worship Service**  
Worship Assistant, Sherry Henrichs  
Greeter, Dean Pretzer

**March 15 Lenten Service**  
Greeter, Jim Bures

**March 19 Sunday Worship Service**  
Worship Assistant, Jamie Schultis  
Greeter, Franklin Damrow

**March 22 Lenten Service**  
Greeter, Charles Barber

**March 26 Sunday Worship Service**  
Worship Assistant, Youth  
Greeter, Youth

**March 29 Lenten Service**  
Greeter, Jim Damrow



**March 5 Sunday Worship Service**  
**With Holy Communion**  
Worship Assistant, Dennis Hennerberg  
Greeter, Don Meyer



Melvin Beran Scott Beran  
Gary Bergmeier Jim Bures

Chris Clifford Franklin Damrow  
Jim Damrow John Denner

Larry Germer Jarrod Heidemann  
Steve Hemphill David Henrichs

Youth

Brian Hennerberg Calvin Hennerberg  
Reese Hennerberg Dennis Hennerberg



Jadyn Schultis  
Ezekial Jones

Mallory Denner  
Esdon Weers

Tori Smith  
Karli Heidemann

Brianna Weers  
Spencer Weers

Addison Heidemann  
Skylar Folkers



Pastor Mark

Jeanette  
Bures

Beth  
Roelofs

Youth

Pastor Mark



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

Judy DeBoer  
Courtney Lottman

Judy Garton  
Annette Garton

Kristen Heidemann  
Jan Gold

Kendra S Weers  
Diane Kisling

Peggy Hemphill  
Sherry Henrichs



# March 2017

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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
<p><b>5</b> Red Hymnal Worship Service 9:30 AM Holy Communion Girl Scouts Sunday SUNDAY SCHOOL 10:30 AM</p>	<p><b>6</b></p>	<p><b>7</b></p>	<p><b>8</b> Lenten &amp; Confirmation Service 7:30 PM</p>	<p><b>9</b></p>	<p><b>10</b></p>	<p><b>11</b>  SPRING FORWARD</p>
<p><b>12</b> DAYLIGHT SAVINGS Blue Hymnal 9:30 AM Worship Service SUNDAY SCHOOL 10:30 AM Youth Meeting 6:30 at Parsonage</p>	<p><b>13</b> <i>Twice</i> Curde 1:30pm</p>	<p><b>14</b> Council Meeting 7:00pm</p>	<p><b>15</b> Lenten &amp; Confirmation Service 7:30 PM Council Meeting After Service</p>	<p><b>16</b></p>	<p><b>17</b> </p>	<p><b>18</b> WELCA Spring Gathering at Christ Lutheran Pickrell</p>
<p><b>19</b> Blue Hymnal 9:30 AM Worship Service SUNDAY SCHOOL 10:30 AM Confirmation Prayer &amp; Pancakes after worship Youth Bowling</p>	<p><b>20</b>  The First Day of Spring</p>	<p><b>21</b></p>	<p><b>22</b> Lenten &amp; Confirmation Service 7:30 PM</p>	<p><b>23</b></p>	<p><b>24</b></p>	<p><b>25</b></p>
<p><b>26</b> Blue Hymnal Youth-Lead Worship Service 9:30 AM SUNDAY SCHOOL 10:30 AM Newscaster items due Diller Foundation Spaghetti Dinner 11am-1:30pm</p>	<p><b>27</b></p>	<p><b>28</b> <i>Work</i> Day All Day</p>	<p><b>29</b> Lenten &amp; Confirmation Service 7:30 PM</p>	<p><b>30</b></p>	<p><b>31</b></p>	



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