

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.*

August 2025

Pastor Mark Liscom

Obedience To God

Surely, an important idea in our life with God is the notion of being obedient to God. But what goes through our minds when that word is used? What does obedience to God imply?

Walter Brueggeman writes that popular religion has greatly reduced the notion of obedience. Obedience, is taken for granted, as if we already know God's will, as if it's simply a matter of doing what we know we ought to do.

But obedience in the Bible is not doing anything. It's a big subject, but a simple start. Obedience begins with your imagination. Without imagination obedience is reduced to following directions, or doing as you are told. But with imagination, obedience comes to life. Obedience to God, is listening to God with your imagination.

We come into the world with it. A child can make a whole world out of a box, or a stick. It's true, we often lose our imaginations. But it's possible that what is dead can be brought to life. God begins his work in us as we begin to recover our imagination.

Welcome to the very beginnings of obedience to God.

Pastor Mark

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Kendra K. Weers

Newscaster Reporters

Church Council – Brian Weers Treasurer's Report – Allen Roelfs

WELCA – Peggy Hemphill Eunice Circle – Irene Gibson

Work Day – Carolyn Schultis

Christian Education and VBS – Elizabeth Roelfs, Sheri Schultis
and Kristen Hennerberg

Youth News – Joely Weers, Myleigh Weers and Brennan Schultis

Worship Committee – Council Mutual Ministry Committee – Council

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Sponsor for the August Newscaster is

Darin and Kendra Weers
In Honor of Our Anniversary
And
Dean and Jane Pretzer
In Honor of Our Anniversary

Congratulations to all of you on your anniversaries, and Thank You for your sponsorship!

There is one remaining sponsorship for December 2025 available.

The 2026 sponsorship sign-up sheet will be on the bulletin board in the back of the Narthex in September.

Please note that each sponsorship is now \$40 due to postage cost increases.

VBS 2025 - WEIRD ANIMALS - Where Jesus' Love is One-Of-A-Kind

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL (WITH ELLIS METHODIST CHURCH)
SLATED FOR AUGUST 6th

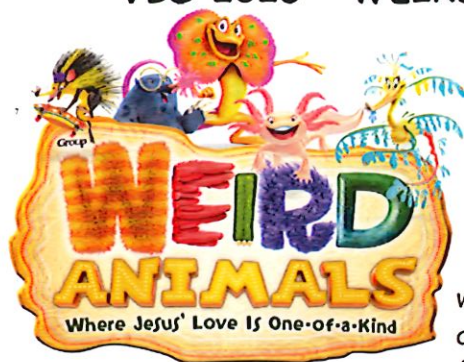
Join us for Weird Animals VBS!

Wednesday, August 6, 2025

Camp Jefferson

Unleash the Wild Wonders of Creation! Dive into the weird and wonderful world of animals to discover God's incredible creativity. All incoming K-6 students are invited to join in this free, unforgettable one-day Bible School experience filled with exciting activities, games, crafts, and powerful lessons.

Refer to the poster at church for registration information, or find us on our Facebook Page.



Flyers and QR code (at right and at church) with more information and registration are available

Registration is free, but you must register by July 31st, including volunteers. Rides will be provided from Ellis at 8:15am and Diller at 8:30am, or you can drop off your student by 8:50am. Kids will return to Ellis or Diller after the meal, leaving the camp after 7pm.

Guests are invited to join in on the fun at 6 for the program and 6:30 for a cookout meal.



You can scan this QR code to register for our Weird Animals VBS. Forms are also available at the church to register.

Questions? Concerns?
email Beth Roelfs at:
broelfs73@gmail.com

COME AND CELEBRATE JESUS' LOVE THAT IS ONE-OF-A-KIND!

St. Paul Lutheran Church Council Minutes for June 18, 2025

Council members present were Gary Bergmeier, Charlie Barber, Allen Roelfs, Pastor Mark Liscom, Scott Pretzer, Brian Weers and Doug Schmidt. Gary called the meeting to order. Minutes were read and Gary moved to approve the minutes and seconded by Scott. Minutes approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Allen reported that everything was going smoothly, bills have been paid. Insurance had a one-time retroactive payment. Giving has dropped a little to start the summer. Gary moved to accept the Treasurer's report and Charlie seconded. Motion passed.

MEMORIAL TREASURER'S REPORT

No change.

PASTOR'S REPORT

4 Worship services, 1 home communion, 1 rest home communion, 4 text studies, 1 funeral, 3 pre-marital sessions. Psalms series has been interesting.

VICE CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Bushes are cleared out and dirt has been added. Allen has some grass seed left. Parsonage lawn has been mowed by Scott and Keith Bartlett while Pastor's mower has been down.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Christian Education – No Report.

Property – Parsonage furnace was looked at. Doug and Brian also found a loose neutral at the pole and fixed it. Capacitor was corroded and Doug put a new one on, it seems to help. AC wants to freeze up, may be low on freon. Wrightsman will look at it and evaluate the issue, per Doug.

Food Stand – No Report.

Communication & Outreach – plan to meet next week.

Music & Worship – No Report.

OLD BUSINESS

As far as endowment is concerned, we can use interest from it if we need it according to Karen Santos. Food Stand setup at 8:30am on Friday the 20th. Supplies are all lined up.

NEW BUSINESS

East side of addition could use some TLC with plants, etc.

The next council meeting was set for Wednesday, July 16th at 7pm, committees to meet at 6:30pm. Allen moved to adjourn the meeting and Gary seconded. The meeting was adjourned and closed with the Lord's Prayer.

~ Brian Weers, Council Secretary

TREASURER'S REPORT

As of 6/17/2025



Current Balances

General Fund	\$ 4,025.83
Benevolence	\$ 1,325.72
Designations	\$ 5,420.12
Total	\$10,771.67

Operating Expenses

Available Cash	\$ 4,025.83
Remaining Bills	
Portico	\$ 1,881.50
Remaining Bal	\$ 2,144.33

not yet received

Offering Summary

	April	May	June
Current	\$ 7,850.48	\$ 8,677.01	\$ 5,958.60
Benevolence	\$ 449.12	\$ 275.50	\$ 652.15
Designated Funds	\$ 1,590.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 50.00
Totals	\$ 9,889.60	\$ 9,052.51	\$ 6,660.75

(Partial Month)

We need to receive **\$10,920.36** in CURRENT each month in order to meet our budget for 2025.

St. Paul Lutheran Church Council Minutes for July 16, 2025

Council members present were Gary Bergmeier, Charlie Barber, Allen Roelfs, Pastor Mark Liscom, Scott Pretzer, Brian Weers and Doug Schmidt. God Sightings were shared, and Pastor opened with Devotions and prayer was offered by Pastor Mark. Gary called the meeting to order. Minutes were not read, but will be read at August meeting.

TREASURER'S REPORT

June giving was a little concerning, but has picked back up. Portico has not been paid because it has not been received yet. Gary moved to approve the report and was seconded by Brian. Motion passed.

MEMORIAL TREASURER'S REPORT

Balance of \$13,307.12 was reported. The committee met on a Sunday in early July and started work on the etched glass window project.

PASTOR'S REPORT

4 Worship services, 3 text studies, 1 pre-marital meeting, 2 hospital calls, 2 rest home communions, 1 women's bible study.

VICE CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Everything is going well enough, committees met tonight and had good meetings.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Communication & Outreach – Met tonight and finalized Welcome Packet, will be in a tote in copy room. These can be given to any repeat or serious visitor. Stacy did some work on the church's website, did a kind of re-vamp committee that will help with the CrossWalk Kickoff. November 12 will help with Confirmation Parent's night. Will do Trunk-Or-Treat before that at Halloween.

Memorial – Included in Memorial Treasurer's Report.

Music & Worship – No report.

Christian Education – Confirmation starts September 3rd, with a Kickoff at Gary's pond. Instead of Parent's night every month, will focus on Kickoff night, then maybe have one in November and again at the end of the year. May have Eighth graders write a statement of faith or outline about their relationship with God just to get them to reflect on what they've learned, and share with the congregation if they wish. Tara Sasse found something for Women's Study. CrossWalk will start on September 10th.

Property – Fire extinguishers have been inspected. Wrightsman Plumbing put in a new thermostat at the Parsonage, and estimates on a new heating unit were received from Wrightsman Plumbing, Petersen Plumbing and Pollman Plumbing. They estimate the life of the current unit may be about 5 years. We have received proposals, Wrightsman is the lowest bid and have worked with us on the two commercial units on the church. Allen moved to accept the bid from Wrightsman for \$8,575.00 and was seconded by Gary. Motion passed. Allen will check for energy grant that may be available.

Food Stand – Meeting report included in New Business.

OLD BUSINESS

Concrete in parking lot was discussed and tabled to a later meeting. Will put a note in the Newscaster to ask for suggestions or thoughts on a 20-foot apron in front of Church in parking area.

NEW BUSINESS

~ Food Stand proceeds were \$1,095.10, where 80% went to the General Fund and 20% to Blue Valley Community Action as a donation. Propane contract came right after the June meeting and was due by July 3rd, but we could still maybe do a contract, according to Stanton's, to lock in the price of \$0.20/gal down on 3,000 gallons then \$1.55/gallon for 3,000 gallons. Allen moved to do the \$1.75/gallon contract if still available and was seconded by Scott. Motion passed.

~ Diane Wellsandt will be gone from July 17 through 23.

The next council meeting was set for Wednesday, August 20th at 7pm and the committees will meet at 6:30pm. Allen moved to adjourn the meeting and Charlie seconded. The meeting was adjourned and closed with the Lord's Prayer.

~ Brian Weers, Council Secretary

TREASURER'S REPORT

As of 7/15/2025

Current Balances

General Fund	\$ 8,684.50
Benevolence	\$ 67.10
Designations	\$ 3,782.52
Total	\$12,534.12

Operating Expenses

Available Cash	\$ 8,684.50
Remaining Bills	
Portico	1,881.50
Remaining Bal	\$ 6,803.00



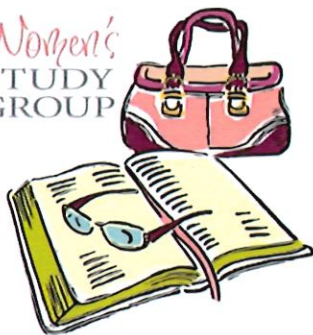
(Awaiting Bill)

Offering Summary

	May	June	July
Current	\$ 8,677.01	\$11,374.20	\$ 4,807.40
Benevolence	\$ 275.50	\$ 677.55	\$ 67.10
Designated Funds	\$ 100.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 150.00
Totals	\$ 9,052.51	\$12,101.75	\$ 5,024.50

(Partial Month)

We need to receive **\$10,920.36** in **CURRENT** each month in order to meet our budget for 2025.



June Eunice Circle

Eunice Circle met on June 9, 2025 at 1:30pm. The Bible study was led by Irene Gibson. The Devotional – pages 44 – 49. *Receiving the Spirit's Flame: Spiritual gifts in the life of the church.*

The Bible texts from: Ecclesiastes 4:9-12; Matthew 18:19-20; Luke 10:38-42; Romans 12; I Corinthians 12:4-31; I Corinthians 13:1-13.

We opened with prayer and Hymn, "O Living Breath of God". We closed with prayer and Hymn, "Like the Murmur of the Dove's Song" and The Lord's Prayer.

Norma called our meeting to order. Minutes were read and approved. Seven (7) members answered roll call. Our Offering was \$52.00.

Old Business: WELCA Unit Meeting scheduled for April was canceled. Work Day on May 27th, 9 to Noon.

New Business: Work Day on June 24th.

After Grace, Jane Pretzer served refreshments. July Hostess will be Marla Weichel.

Next Eunice Circle meeting will be July 14, 2025, June/July/August book. Norma Banahan will lead the Bible study using the June book.

~ Irene Gibson, Recorder

July Eunice Circle

Eunice Circle met on July 14, 2025 at 1:30pm. Norma Banahan led the Bible study. Where two or more are gathered: Flourishing in relationships. Relationships that form us. Jacob and Esau and Mary and Martha's relationship can help us put our own family relationships into perspective.

The Bible texts were from: Genesis 25:19-24; Genesis 27; Genesis 33:1-16; Luke 10:38-42; John 11:1-44 and John 12:1-8. We opened with prayer and Hymn, "All Are Welcome", verse 3. We closed with prayer and Hymn, "Let Us Go Now to the Banquet" and The Lord's Prayer.

Norma called our meeting to order. The minutes were read and approved. Eight (8) members answered Roll Call and Pastor Mark was present. Our Offering was \$52.00.

Old Business: Work Day June 24th.

New Business: WELCA will have a meeting on August 10th following worship. Work Days on July 22nd and July 29th.

After Grace, Marla Weichel served refreshments. August Hostess was not decided.

Next Eunice Circle Meeting will be August 11th, 2025 at 1:30pm, June/July/August book. Irene Gibson will lead the bible study using the July lesson.

~ Irene Gibson, Recorder

St. Paul WELCA August Unit Meeting

Sunday, August 10, 2025

Following Worship Services

The meeting will take place in the sanctuary following worship service

All Women of the church are encouraged to attend

Mission Work Day

Work Days are July 22nd and 29th. Please check future editions of the Newscaster for further updates about this work group.



Joys & Concerns



Our Deepest Sympathy

Caring Thoughts

We send sincere sympathy to Linda Behrends and her family as they mourn the passing of Linda's mother Betty Spousta who passed away on June 30, 2025. Her memorial service was held on July 25 in Milligan where she and her husband Rudy raised their family. We honor your grief and send our caring.

- ♦ We are happy to report that Phyllis Wiemers is recovering well from her recent surgery.
- ♦ Cale Clifford recently broke his arm. Our prayers are with you as your body mends.
- ♦ Marcy Barber had surgery in June and continues to progress toward returned health.
- ♦ Brianna Weers had knee surgery in July and is recovering at home. Our prayers go out to her for continued healing and a full recovery.
- ♦ We are happy to report that Johathan Schmidt is living back at home. He continues his physical therapy but is able to work part time. He appreciates all of the caring and prayers he has received during his recovery.
- ♦ Prayers go out to all the people in Canada who were affected by the recent wildfires. May God's healing peace be with you as you mourn your losses and rebuild your communities.

IN OUR
Thoughts and Prayers



Joyful Celebrations

Welcome to the World Little One

It is with joy we share the birth of Hadley Alice LeAnn Hale, daughter of Kelsay Schlichtman. Hadley was born May 12, weighing 6lbs 13.9 oz and measuring 18 inches long. Congratulations to Kelsey AND Grandpa and Grandma, Chris and Stacy Schlichtman along with Uncle Kellan. We are so happy for you all and pray that God's love fills your family with many more moments of joy.

Happy Birthday!

Happy 95th Birthday Norris Gold! Norris was the guest of honor at a family celebration for his May 25 birthday. Birthday wishes can be mailed to Gardenside, 2200 H Street, Fairbury, NE. 68352.



Heartfelt Thanks

The Roelfs family wishes to thank all of you for every kind word and gesture you have extended to us as we grieve Adam's unexpected death. Through the pain we are finding healing - not because we have forgotten, but because we are learning how to carry both love and loss together. Your love and caring has brought us comfort.

Sincerely, Dean, Beth, Allen, Stacy and Aubrey



Thank you to everyone that sent cards, visited and prayed for me during my surgeries and healing. Your thoughts and caring are greatly appreciated as I recover.

~ Marcy Barber

Congratulations!

~ Keira Hennerberg earned recognition on the SCC Spring Dean's List in Associates of Arts. Keira attends SCC in Lincoln and is seeking a degree in Early Childhood Education. Great Job!!

~ Concordia University has named Mallory Denner to their spring honors list. Mallory will begin her senior year of studies in the fall. We congratulate Mallory and commend her for her dedication.

~ Jadyn Schultis recently graduated from the UNL College of Education and Human Sciences with high distinction. Congratulations Jadyn on completing a 4-year program of study while maintaining such a level of excellence. Jadyn has appeared on the University of Nebraska's Spring Dean's List, College of Education and Human Resources. Jadyn will begin her teaching career as a special education instructor for Beatrice Public Schools. We wish you the very best!

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:

*Robert Weers, Norris Gold, Tyler Wolken,
Mike Balderson, Norman Balderson and Ervin Hennerberg*



Diller Picnic 2025 – "God At Work"

The theme for the 2025 St. Paul Diller Picnic Float was "God At Work". The float depicted a construction scene with heavy equipment in the background and saw horses, cones, safety tape and 2 large Crosses looking as if they were made of steel beams. The colors of bright yellow and black drew the eye of spectators to the entry.

Thanks to Lucy Dorn, Timmy Benson, Aubrey Roelfs, Brianna Weers and Pastor Mark for riding the float and depicting construction workers decked out in nail aprons, hard hats and safety vests. A big thank-you to Brian Weers for pulling the entry through with a tractor owned by Bob Weers.

Thanks also goes to all who helped to construct and dismantle the float as well as a heartfelt thanks to Darin and Brian Weers for providing a place to store and build the church's message on wheels.



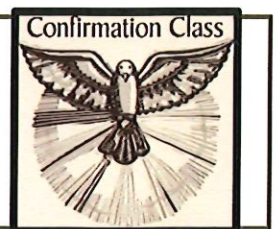
The float builders and riders/driver at the Diller Picnic Parade, 2025



The picnic had a new feature with free camel rides, a FFA breakfast and a great group of church members helping with our food stand. The weather had a big effect again this year with high winds that shut down the inflatables on the midway, but we had a fun parade, fireworks and other events that attracted large crowds over three days. Thanks be to God for all the great people in our community that put on this event every year!



Confirmation classes are starting soon! Classes are planning to start on Wednesday, September 3rd, with Confirmands. Please watch your emails, messages or the church website for details, or contact Pastor Mark for more information. It will be a great year!



At left, the choir at the June 8th service. At right, the choir at the July 13th service.

The impromptu choir sang traditional Hymns from the OSB during our June 8 and July 13 Worship services. On June 8th, the choir sang "Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart", and on July 13th, they sang "In His Time".

Thank you to those that come and share their music gifts. It truly makes our worship special.





Congratulations!

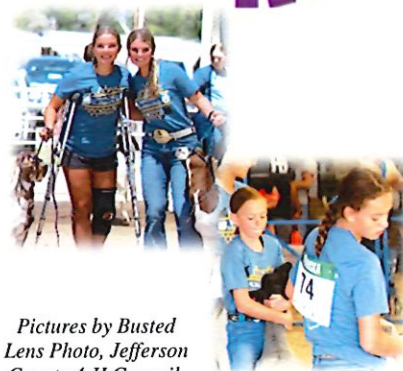


High Achievers at the Jefferson County Fair



Many 4-H competitors from St. Paul shared their talents at the Jefferson and Gage county fairs during July. The skills these young people developed are valuable and will serve as stepping stones to great achievements. Congratulations on the ribbons and awards they earned. Best of luck to those chosen to enter exhibits at the Nebraska State Fair.

At Left, our Champion Clothing Exhibitors, Aubrey Roelfs and Joely Weers. At right, sisters Keira and Josie Hennerberg and Turner and Jocelyn Nippert show their livestock. We congratulate ALL of our members on a job well done!!



Pictures by Busted Lens Photo, Jefferson County 4-H Council, Tyler Wolken and Kendra K Weers



Happy Birthday!

August Birthdays

3	Isaac Roelfs	18	Glenda Spilker
3	Greg Helton	18	Mike Banahan
3	Kutter Nutsch	20	Jessica McCarthy
4	Chad Lottman	20	Kyler Lucking
5	Armando Jones	23	Linda Behrends
7	Mike Balderson	25	Joshua Roelfs
7	Gary Bergmeier	26	Darin Weers
8	Emilia Mahrt	28	Matt Wellsandt
9	John Duis	29	Jaris Hennerberg
14	Barb Sasse	29	Livia Stein
16	Nathan Liscom	30	Joely Weers
18	Keith Bartlett		

Happy Anniversary

August Wedding Anniversaries

August 6, 1994

☞ Mr. & Mrs. Brett & Toni Landenberger

August 8, 1954

☞ Mr. & Mrs. Pastor Dr. Delmar & Phyllis Wiemers

August 10, 1969

☞ Mr. & Mrs. Dean & Jane Pretzer

August 15, 1998

☞ Mr. & Mrs. Chris & Angie Clifford

August 21, 1999

☞ Mr. & Mrs. Darin & Kendra Weers

August 27, 1976

☞ Mr. & Mrs. Joel & Linda Holtmeier

August 27, 1983

☞ Mr. & Mrs. Mike & Rhonda Balderson

August 28, 2010

☞ Mr. & Mrs. Josh & Kalli Roelfs

August 29, 2014

☞ Mr. & Mrs. Tom & Danielle Reeson

August 31, 2013

☞ Mr. & Mrs. Riley & Sonia Sasse

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!



August 3 Sunday Worship Service
With Holy Communion

Worship Assistant, Brian Weers
Acolyte, Joely Weers
Greeter, Dean Pretzer
Coffee Service – Peg Hemphill, Shannon Stein

August 10 Sunday Worship Service

Worship Assistant, Kendra K Weers
Greeter, Charles Barber
Coffee Service – Cheryl Denner,
Kristen Hennerberg

August 17 Sunday Worship Service

Worship Assistant, Diane Wellsandt
Greeter, Gary Bergmeier
Coffee Service – Jill Bergmeier, Julie Schmidt

August 24 Sunday Worship Service

Worship Assistant, Gary Bergmeier
Greeter, Jim Bures
Coffee Service – Marlene Wolken, Beth Roelfs

August 31 Sunday Worship Service

Worship Assistant, David Henrichs
Greeter, Dean Pretzer
Coffee Service – Sheri Schultis, Jennifer Warren



September 7 Sunday Worship Service
With Holy Communion

Worship Assistant, Kendra K Weers
Acolyte, Aubrey Roelfs
Greeter, Dennis Nippert
Coffee Service – Toni Landenberger, Stacy Schlichtman

August 2025



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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
*** CHECK THE WEEKLY BULLETIN *** for Calendar updates. Some events were not available at press time.					1	2
Red Hymnal Worship Service 9:30 AM Holy Communion	4	5	 St. Paul VBS Camp Jefferson	7	8	9
Blue Hymnal Worship Service 9:30 AM Women of the ELCA ** Unit Meeting ** Following Worship	11 Eunice Circle 1:30pm	12	13	14 	15	16
Red Hymnal Worship Service 9:30 AM	18	19	20 Committees and Council Meetings 6:30/7:30pm	21	22	23 NEWSCASTER ITEMS DUE
Blue Hymnal Worship Service 9:30 AM	25	26 Work Day All Day	27	28	29	30
Red Hymnal Worship Service 9:30 AM	 St. Paul Lutheran Church PO Box 37 Diller, NE 68342					

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ITEMS DUE