

St. Paul Newscaster



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*To open our hearts and doors to share God's promise by transforming lives
through our commitment and discipleship to Jesus Christ.*

November 2020
Pastor Mark Liscom

Nothing To Say

Do you ever find yourself at a loss for words? This week as I thought about what I would write in the Newscaster article, I just kept coming up empty. It's been frustrating to say the least.

Once in a while I think we all sort of go silent. What does that mean? Sometimes I think it happens because the subject might be uncomfortable. Sometimes when I'm in a conversation with someone I just run out of things to say. It's like your computer screen just goes blank.

But then it occurred to me that quite often when we don't know what to say, it's because we may have stumbled into the sacred. It may be a deep grief, or an inexpressible joy. And then I thought that maybe God might actually be putting a plug in my mouth, so that in the silence I might actually be able to do something else.

Like listen.

So the next time you can't think of anything to say, you might think of the moment as a gift. As a call from God, to really listen. To the Lord, to your neighbor, to your spouse, to the people you are with. Just listen and be with them. Maybe you might say more by doing that than anything you could do with words.

Pastor Mark

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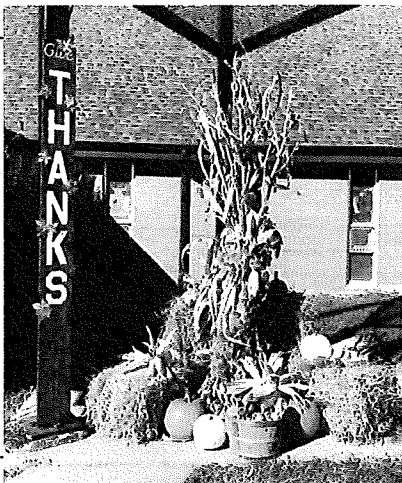
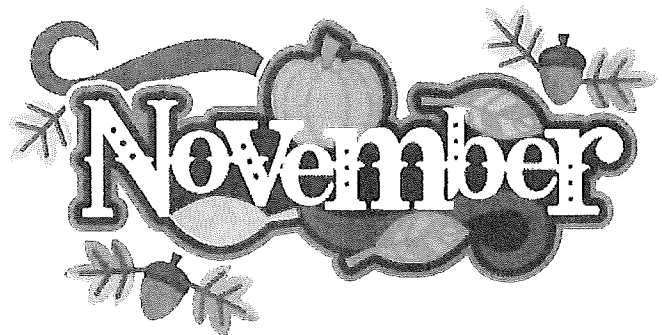
Eldean and Norma Banahan

Just Because We're Blessed!

We thank you all for your sponsorship and support.

Please note that the sign-up sheet for 2021 sponsors is up and MANY sponsorships are available.

We are in IMMEDIATE need for January and February sponsors. Please consider sponsoring a Newscaster to continue providing this communication tool to the members of the congregation, especially in this time of the pandemic.



WELCOME FALL!

The front of the church is looking festive and beautiful because some of our members shared their time and talents.

Thank you to Ardith Barber, Marcy Barber and Carolyn Schultis for the wonderful fall display under the bell tower.

Thanks also to Tyler Wolken for the photo and Facebook post!

St. Paul Lutheran Church Council Minutes for October 21, 2020

Members present were Jamie Schultis, Pastor Mark Liscom, Tyler Wolken, David Henrichs, Darin Weers, and Gary Bergmeier. Not present was Melvin Beran. Pastor Mark the meeting by sharing a letter from Bishop Maas regarding current Covid guidelines and recommendations for people attending church. The council shared more life and faith stories with each other. The council reviewed the minutes from September. Jamie moved to accept the minutes and Darin seconded. Minutes were approved.

Treasurer's Report

Gary reported the balance in the account is \$6,723.63. Thrivent, Benevolence, and CROSSWALK bills still need to be paid. After these are to be paid, the ending balance will be approximately \$3,235.95. David moved to accept the treasurer's report and Jamie seconded. Treasurer's report was approved.

Memorial Treasurer's Report

Darin reported that there was \$0.36 of interest, which brought the balance in the account to \$7,104.22. Tyler moved to accept the memorial treasurer's report and Jamie seconded. Memorial treasurer's report was approved.

Pastor's Report

4 worship services, 1 copier installation day, 1 cluster meeting, 1 text study, 2 funeral preps, 1 funeral, 1 premarital session, 1 youth meeting, 6 other calls, 3 confirmation classes, and 3 confirmation make up classes.

- Pastor Mark did purchase a camera for his new computer so that he can participate in Zoom sessions and connect virtually with other congregants and pastors.
- Next week is the Synod convention, which will all be online. Pastor will be meeting with a couple other pastors in Wilbur next week as well.
- Pastor is looking at borrowing a laptop to see if that will help with the connection with the screen connection in the sanctuary.
- Pastor Mark has been updating and adding new material to the church's webpage. Go and check out all the available resources available to you!

Vice Chairman's Report

Jamie wanted to give a thank you to the council for help keeping church services going and stepping into help wherever needed. Jamie also wanted to give a thank you to everyone who has helped with CROSSWALK and making it the success that it is. The team is still looking for volunteers who can help be a body and assist with the kids in sessions. Please reach out if you'd like to help in any way!

Committee Reports

Property- The shingles on the church's roof are start to curl and get worn again in some places. Gary contacted Schoen's Roofing and had them come out and look at the shingles and they confirmed the findings. Schoen's agree to replace the roof. They are sending in a tile sample to check shingle quality. This will not be an expense for St. Paul church. A date for repair has not been set yet, but hopefully before the year end. Gary Bergmeier did spray the church's lawn and Pastor Mark's lawn for weed prevention.

Memorial- Darin spoke with Ed Hajek about combining the two Sunday school rooms and will get an estimate on how much it will cost to take down the dividing wall.

Old Business

- The new copier has been installed.

New Business

- The main topic of discussion was how we move forward with church services. This past few weeks there has been a rise in Covid cases and even some in our community. The council decided to continue to have indoor church services, but **masks will be required**. If you do not wish to wear a mask, we ask that you sit in a chair in the fellowship area to avoid contact with the congregation members. We are still offering drive-in service with audio only at this time. We still will continue with offering and communion, but will take all the precautions necessary to assure safety for everyone. IF you have any questions or concerns, please contact pastor or one of the council members. We appreciate everyone for sticking with us and still being active members at St. Paul.

The next council meeting is scheduled for November 18th at 7:00PM. David moved to adjourn the meeting and Gary seconded. The meeting was adjourned and closed with the Lord's Prayer. ~ Tyler Wolken, Council Secretary

TREASURER'S REPORT Not Provided. Please see Council Minutes above for financial information or contact the Treasurer, Gary Bergmeier, for more information.

Eunice Circle



Eunice Circle met on October 20, 2019 at 1:30pm. Our Bible Study was led by Linda Behrends. Holy Time: The holy "now" – recognizing and responding to God's Kairos time (the acceptable time). In Jesus, God turns the "now" into a time of justice, mercy and love.

Our study texts were from Luke 4:14–30, Luke 12:54–56, Luke 21:25–33, Matthew 24:3–8, Matthew 26:1–13 and Mark 1:1–15. The focus verse was, "For God says, 'At an acceptable time I have listened to you, and on a day of salvation I have helped you.' See, now is the acceptable time; see, now is the day of salvation." 2 Corinthians 6:2.

We opened with prayer and Hymn, "Now the Silence." We closed with Hymn, "Gather US IN" 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 \$15.00.

Old Business: 47 School Kit bags have been filled and boxed, ready to be shipped. Work Days were September 22nd and 29th.

New Business: WELCA Unit Meeting will be November 4, 2020 at 7pm. Work Day will be October 26th, 2020. All are welcome. Lutheran World Relief is Omaha, NE shipping point.

After Grace, Marla Weichel served refreshments.

Next Eunice Circle meeting will be November 9, 2020 at 1:30pm, November book. Norma Banahan will lead the Bible Study.

~ Irene Gibson, Recorder



It has been a tough month for many in our congregation. There have been several that were hospitalized or passed away in a very short time. We remember the following and their families during their times of healing:

***Judy DeBoer and Ray Landenberger** passed away in early October, and we remember their families during their time of grieving and healing
Howard and Linda Behrends were in a severe car accident, and Howard did not survive the crash, but Linda is in the hospital and improving.*

***Darlene Balderson** is now in a care facility.*

***Jamie Hennerberg** is in treatment for cancer and is doing well.*

***Margery Keefover** has moved to a care facility*

***Jean Weers** continues to recover from a fall injury and is doing well.*

Please also 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, Skylar Folkers and Eden Lottman.

Women of the ELCA College Care Packages

A few ladies gathered at church on October 21st, to assemble and address "We care" packages for 15 college students. Included were 10 essential items, such as personal tissues, Chapstick, instant cocoa and oatmeal packets, hot tea and popcorn, also included was a personal note to say we're thinking of them and hoped they were having a good year at school. Our churches WELCA has been doing this project for several years now with the intent of maintaining a connection with our college students. Blessings to them all for a happy and safe school experience.



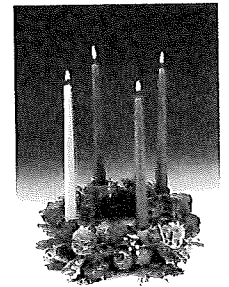
Care package received and photographed by Hayley Demer

November WELCA Activities

November 4, 2018 (Wednesday) 7:00 p.m.
Unit WELCA Meeting

November 22, 2018 (Sunday)
ThankOffering Service during our
Morning Worship Hour

November 29, 2020 (Sunday)
Hanging of the Greens during
Morning Worship Hour



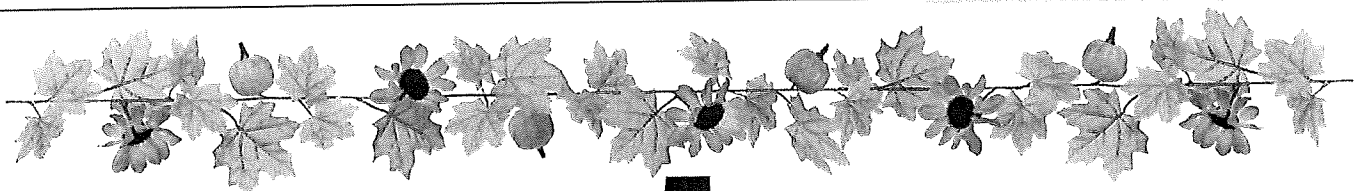
Grateful
to
God



On Sunday, October 4, we resumed the communion sacrament during the worship service.

First Communion will take place at a later date with our new Confirmands.

Thanks be to God that we can come together to worship and commune again!



There has been talk about renewing the sponsorship program for Confirmation students. Please let Ardie Barber know if you are interested in sponsoring a member of the Confirmation Program.



Our Youth have had an interesting fall, trying to resume a kind of "normal" school year. The High School held a fun Homecoming week, even though they didn't get to have a Homecoming Dance. Pictured are our youth members in the senior class in the Homecoming Court.

Congratulations to the Homecoming Court members and to Skylar Pretzer for being selected as Homecoming Queen (King was Korey Theye).

Growing through gratitude



~ From The Newsletter Newsletter, November 2020

Thankfulness, studies show, has multiple physical, mental and emotional benefits. Psychologist Robert Emmons calls gratitude "fertilizer for the mind" because of its powerful effects.

He admits gratitude isn't always easy — especially when life throws us curveballs (see the year 2020) — but says it can be most helpful during and after difficulties. Emmons suggests reframing challenges using thankfulness-based language. Ask, for example: Though I wasn't grateful for the experience at the time, how can I be now?

What lessons did I learn, and how did I grow as a person?

Throughout his letters, the apostle Paul reframes his extensive sufferings and urges us to do the same. "Give thanks in all circumstances," he writes, "for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus" (1 Thessalonians 5:18, NIV).

Appreciate the services being streamed so I can watch on the computer.

We hope and pray this virus is soon conquered.

~ Franklin Damrow

Thank You



Thank You, Veterans!

On November 8th, we will be recognizing members of our congregation who have served our country.

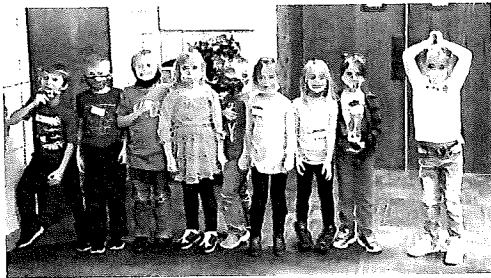
Thank you...

- For your service
- For your sacrifice
- For Our Freedom!

Cross Walk Kids Have Busy October

Each week an average of 40 students from the preschool – 5th grade classes come to enjoy learning, fun and fellowship. An AWESOME crew of young volunteers from 6th grade – H.S. lend a valuable hand to make the program work. The sessions start with snacks and play with opening beginning at 4.

The Creation stories were the focus of the CW lessons during the month of October. Through games, music and story the students learned what God created each day. They discovered that Man was created last in God's image and that we are most loved by him. In the 3rd story the choice of Adam and Eve led to discussions of our daily choices.



The learning goal for the 2020/21 program is to teach the participants prayer practices and the Lord's Prayer. We are using actions, music, short lessons and practice. It's a joy to see them grow spiritually. Each student also created a Lord's Prayer bookmark craft project to have at home.

Caring projects are also part of the program. The older students made pumpkins from a piece of tree branch painted orange and adorned with a twig stem and green leaves. Thanks to Brennan Schultis and his family for preparing the pumpkins bases. The 75+ pumpkins will be given to friends in an area care facility with a note that reads: Enjoy Fall and God's Love.

The younger students created and mailed thank you pictures for the Diller Fire and Rescue team. This group also assembled 250 thank you treats for the Diller Fire and Rescue as well as the staff at Jefferson Community Health and Life and the Fairbury Clinic. Each bag had 3 Life Savers and a note that read: Thanks for Being a "Life Saver" by keeping us Healthy and Safe.

Both caring project notes ended with: The Cross Walk Kids from St. Paul, Diller, NE.

Your volunteer efforts, monetary donations for snacks and prayers are needed and appreciated for this wonderful ministry of God's church in Diller. ~ Submitted by Beth Roelfs



Thank you to Beth Roelfs for always having a children's sermon during church, whether it be from the parking lot or in-church, all the children of God enjoy hearing the message of our connection to God and Jesus and how to be in a better relationship.

Women of the ELCA Thank Offering Service

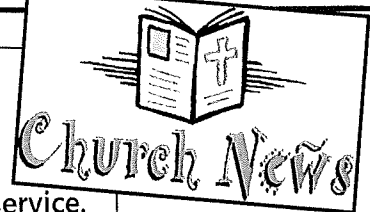
St. Paul Women of the ELCA will conduct their annual Thank Offering service during the morning worship hour on Sunday, November 22. Thankofferings are given to support the life-changing ministries of Women of the ELCA. Together, we do more than we could ever do apart.



THANKSGIVING SERVICE

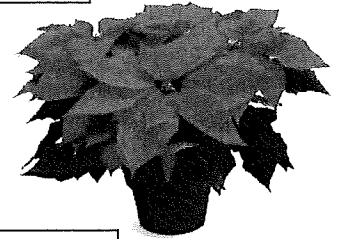


St. Paul Lutheran will once again host its annual Community Thanksgiving Worship Service on Wednesday evening, November 25 at 7:30pm. All are welcome and encouraged to attend this special service.



Christmas Poinsettias

If you would like to purchase a poinsettia for Christmas, there will be a sign-up sheet for whoever wishes to bring one. More information will be in the December Newscaster.



CAROLING

Christmas Caroling is anticipated to be on December 6th. PLEASE SAVE THE DATE!!

More details will be on the Facebook page, website, or call a member of the Council and please check the updated calendar.



Our Junior High contestants were Joely at left and Madeline above. (photo not provided for elementary team)

County Spelling Contestants

Congratulations to the Diller-Odell County Spelling Contest team.

The Griffins had 2 students place in the top 10 and Joely Weers achieved second place in the Junior High division and will compete at the Regional Competition in the spring.

Students from our church on the team were Joely Weers and Madeline Parde in Junior High and Cale Clifford, Josie Hennerberg and Xavier Zarybnicky in 5th and 6th grades.



November Birthdays

1	Judy Landenberger	13	Katelin White
1	Jordan Langenberg	18	Michael Wellsandt
2	Myleigh Weers	22	Leana Lottman
5	Danielle Reeson	23	Brenda Engelman
6	Neil Meyer	25	Dennis Schmidt
6	Brianna Weers	25	Colby Bartlett
8	Linda Garcia	26	Russell Schultis
8	Rhonda Balderson	26	Diane Wellsandt
9	Leatha Christ	28	Deborah Nippert
10	Sharon Lottman	28	Jacob Langenberg
11	Susan Lawton	30	Kelsey Engelman
13	Donna Damrow	30	Spencer Weers

November Wedding Anniversaries

November 1, 1980

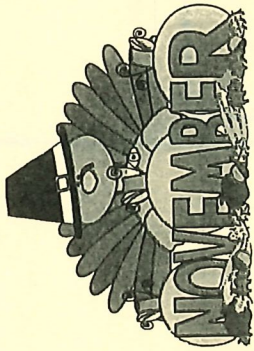
☞ Mr. & Mrs. Dennis & Deborah Nippert

November 16, 1988

☞ Mr. & Mrs. Gary & Jill Bergmeier

November 28, 2015

☞ Mr. & Mrs. Joseph & McKenzie Henrichs



November 1 Sunday Worship Service
All Saints and Dedication Sunday
 With Holy (First) Communion
 Drive-In, Facebook, or Inside Seating

November 8 Sunday Worship Service
 Drive-In, Facebook, or Inside Seating

November 15 Sunday Worship Service
 Drive-In, Facebook, or Inside Seating

November 22 Sunday Worship Service
Christ the King

Drive-In, Facebook, or Inside Seating

November 25 Thanksgiving Eve
 Worship Service
 Drive-In, Facebook, or Inside Seating

November 29 Sunday Worship Service
Hanging of the Greens

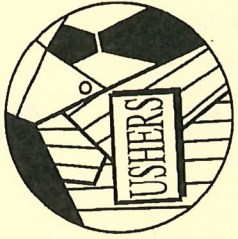
First Sunday in Advent

 Drive-In, Facebook, or Inside Seating



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

Second Sunday of Advent



Worship Assistants, Greeters and Ushers are NOT scheduled for the foreseeable future due to COVID-19. In-Person worship has resumed, but all will be rescheduled once the pandemic has passed.



Brennan Schultis

Joely Weers

Madeline Parde

Peyton Denner

Myleigh Weers

Morgan Kapke

Joely Weers



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

Coffee will not be served for the foreseeable future due to COVID-19. In-Person Worship has resumed, but coffee servers will be rescheduled once the pandemic has passed and it is safe to resume our social activities.







November 2020



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Facebook Page – St. Paul’s Lutheran Church Diller Nebraska

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
 <p>1 FALL BACK ALL SAINTS SUNDAY DEDICATION SUNDAY ALL SAINTS DAY Red Hymnal Worship Service Holy Communion 9:30 AM </p>	<p>2</p>	<p>3  Election Day</p>	<p>4 Women of the ELCA Unit Meeting 7pm CROSS WALK Christian Ed 4:00pm Confirmation Parents' Night 7:00pm</p>	<p>5</p>	<p>6</p>	<p>7</p>
<p>Red Hymnal Worship Service 9:30 AM Veterans Recognition Youth Meeting 6:30 at Church</p> <p>8</p>	<p>Eunice Circle 1:30pm</p> <p>9</p>	<p>10</p>	<p> VETERAN'S DAY CROSS WALK Christian Ed 4:00pm Confirmation 7pm</p> <p>11</p>	<p>12</p>	<p>13</p>	<p>14</p>
<p>Red Hymnal Worship Service 9:30 AM</p> <p>15</p>	<p>16</p>	<p>17</p>	<p>Committees/ Council Meetings 6/7 pm CROSS WALK Christian Ed 4:00pm</p> <p>18</p>	<p>19</p>	<p>20 Newscaster items due</p>	<p>21</p>
<p>Red Hymnal Worship Service 9:30 AM WELCA Thank Offering Service  Youth Meeting 6:30 at Church</p> <p>22</p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24 Work Day All Day</p>	<p>25 CONFIRMATION 7pm* Thanksgiving Service 7:30pm</p>	<p>26  Thanksgiving Office Closed</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28</p>
<p>Red Hymnal Worship Service 9:30 AM Hanging of the Greens First Sunday in Advent</p> <p>29</p>	<p>30</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">❁ Please check the Facebook page or website for schedule changes or additions. Some information was not available at press time. ❁</p>				



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