

# St. Paul Newscaster



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St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church  
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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.*

**October 2019**  
*Pastor Mark Liscom*

## Salvation

Whatever God is up to, it has something to do with salvation. But like so many other religious words, sometimes when you start thinking about it, it gets pretty confusing.

In popular usage, salvation I think means basically that you get to go to "a better place" after you die. Conversely, if you are not saved, that means you end up in "the bad place". In other words, the term is used to depict a reality that happens after you die.

But salvation in the Bible is not primarily about something that happens after you die. Salvation is simply being connected to God and what God is up to in the world. And that can happen anytime, and anyplace, especially today. Paul writes in 2 Corinthians 6:2 "See, now is the acceptable time; see, now is the day of salvation!"

The connection is pure gift, God has already made all the arrangements. You have been given all that you need to make the connection as a pure gift. But now comes your part. Slowly and sometimes painfully you learn to hand over every aspect of your life to God's care. This isn't for the next life, it's the process of relearning, reforming, and becoming what God has in mind for you to be here.

Salvation is like jumping on a moving train and taking the ride to a new land. It's getting on board. Saying Good Bye to the old and rising to the new. From Lamentations 3:22, "Great is his faithfulness, his mercies begin afresh each morning". Thank you God for the gift of salvation.....today.

*Pastor Mark*

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## *Sponsors*

*Our October Newscaster sponsors are:*

Virginia L. Lottman

In honor of my anniversary  
and

Jeanette Banahan

for National Disabilities Awareness Month

**Thank You so much for your Sponsorship!**



*The 2020 Sponsor sign-up sheet has been posted. If you have a major event you would like to honor by your sponsorship, be sure to sign up early to get the month you want. Thank you!*

## *Faith Formation*



Pastor Mark during the Interactive Service

*Photo by Allen Roelfs*

Pastor Mark held a different kind of sermon this month. He drew from scripture about a servant that had been stealing from his master and when caught, changed the master's view and received his forgiveness and acceptance. Pastor provided some context, then asked a question about our perceptions and took responses from the congregation about the message of the scripture in order to make it more of an interactive message than just a lecture.

In council, it was discussed that this style of sermon was a way for the congregation to be more involved in the message and for the pastor to get some feedback on people's thoughts about the message. This format will be used occasionally to see how it is perceived.

The Council has also been working with the transition team and have decided on the following for the Church's Mission and Vision Statements:

### **Mission Statement**

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

### **Vision**

Pray Regularly

Study Scripture

Learn to Hear God's Voice

Any feedback, feelings and/or suggestions for the council or transition team are welcomed.

## St. Paul Lutheran Church Council Minutes for September 18, 2019

Jamie called the meeting to order. Council shared life/faith stories with each other. Members present were Pastor Mark, Jamie Schultis, Darin Weers, Allen Roelfs, Melvin Beran, and Tyler Wolken. The minutes were reviewed and had a change from the August minutes. New member induction service will be held in October not September. Allan moved to accept the amended minutes and Melvin seconded. Motion passed. August minutes approved.

### Treasurer's Report

Allen Reported that balance is \$2042.31. This is the balance after paying Norris, SolutionOne, and Thrivent Salary Reduction, which totaled \$580.00. Allen and all members the council want to thank everyone for their generous donations and continued giving. Jamie 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 \$13,320.34. Since moving accounts to Odell there was 0.74 in interest. Tyler moved to accept the Memorial Treasurer's report. Allen seconded. Motion passed.

### Pastor's Report

5 worship services, 2 youth meetings, 2 confirmation classes, 1 confirmation make up day, 1 confirmation service project, 1 premarital session, 1 meeting with Jamie, 4 home communions, 1 spiritual direction, 1 Synod consultation meeting and written report, 1 Council training event, 2 other visits, 2 hospital calls, attended one funeral, 1 drinking from the well webinar, 1 cluster meeting, and 3 text studies.

### Vice Chairman Report

Jamie wanted to give a thank you to Megan Morrow (Assistant to the Bishop) for coming down and leading our Council training session. Jamie also wanted to recognize Family Night Committee for helping coordinate the meal for our church in the park service. The roofing project is completed and Jamie is working on making sure that all the expenses and paperwork gets finished with Schoens Roofing.

### Committee Reports

**Christian Education-** This group met Sept. 8 after church to continue the planning for Crosswalk program that will be kicking off Wednesday, October 2 following school at 3:30-5PM. This will be taking place of our normal Sunday school on Sunday's. The team has been working on getting educational materials and supplies ordered. This group is looking for congregation members and community members to help be a part of this program. Whether that is with teaching lessons, helping with snacks, walking kids down for school, etc. We are accepting any and all youth from Pre-K – 6<sup>th</sup> grade. Even if you're not member of the church, you're still welcome to join or help out. Volunteer and registration forms can be found in church at the back table or on our Facebook page through a simple Google doc link. Please consider helping out with the program or signing up a child to be a part of this wonderful program. For more information or questions, please contact Beth Roelfs, Kristen Hennerberg, Kristen Heidemann, Sheri Schultis, or Tyler Wolken.

**Memorial-** Darin contacted Hartig electric and received a quote for the lighting project. The bid was for \$1500 for installation. The color of the fixtures has been decided upon, which will be similar to the old ones. Same height as well. Looking to have the light installed toward the end of October. Total estimated cost of the project is \$5000.00. This committee has also been considering replacing the front double doors of the church. Estimated cost of this project is \$6589.00. The doors have not been decided upon, but looking to replace sometime in 2020.

**Property-** The weather strip on the double doors in the main Sunday school room have been replaced.

**Communication and Outreach-** This committee met before regular church council meeting. They visited with Pastor about progress of the faith formation group. Supplies and materials have been ordered for it. Look to see that group getting together soon! It is open to anyone. The committee is also looking for sponsors for our confirmation students. There will be a sign-up sheet in the back of the church where you can volunteer to be a confirmation sponsor or you can contact Jane Pretzer or Marla Weichel.

**Music and Worship-** N/A

**Nominating-** N/A

**Food Stand-** N/A

### Old Business

Allen brought back up how we should proceed with the church's name change for the Secretary of State (Legal name change). This is something that needs to be discussed more and will be voted on at the annual meeting in January. This is not an issue that requires immediate attention, but will need to be decided upon soon at the annual meeting.

### New Business

-The council is looking at revamping and updating the Council's handbook. This would include changes to the bylaws, committee responsibilities, including the new mission/vision statements, and a few other changes.

- Pastor is going to be making a few phone calls each month to congregation members. These are just check-in calls and a time for you and Pastor to connect and talk about anything. Don't skip on this opportunity!

- Council has prepared a letter for everyone currently in the congregation and former members. This will be going out in the mail. This will be highlighting a few areas of our current efforts here at St. Paul and our plans of moving forward. We hope you take this opportunity to see the progress St. Paul has been making and to share your thoughts with Pastor Mark or any other Council member. We are here to help and serve the congregation and community anyway we can.

- Cindy Lottman gave Council her resignation from Council. Jamie moved to accept the resignation and Allen seconded. Motion passed. Jamie will make an announcement in Church and make put a note in the bulletin seeking a replacement for the vacant spot. This replacement will only serve til the annual meeting in January 2020, but can be up for reelection for a 3 year term if they so choose.

- Sadly Roy Barnts passed away and funeral services will be held at St. Paul September 27 at 10:30AM.

- On Sunday, September 29<sup>th</sup> Pastor will discuss what is Faith formation and will integrate it into the sermon that day.

Council will have their next meeting October 16<sup>th</sup> at 7:30PM. Committee's will be meeting again at 6:30PM. The committees are still looking for new members, so feel free to come and be a part of any of them. Allen moved to adjourn the meeting and Darin seconded. Motion passed. The meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer.

*Tyler Wolken, Council Secretary*

### TREASURER'S REPORT

**General Fund Balance as of 9/21/2019**

**\$ 2,622.31**

Bills Due by end of September:	Solution One	1,178.10	Norris PP	276.00
	Thrivent	1,000.00	1517 Media	62.25
			<b>Total Due</b>	<b>\$ 573.94</b>



**August/September**

<i>Last Month: August</i>		<i>Current Month: September</i>	
Current	\$ 9,895.15	Current	\$ 2,762.40
Benevolence	577.82	Benevolence	263.10
World Hunger	25.00	World Hunger	0.00
Specials	401.08	Specials	0.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 10,899.05</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 3,025.50</b>

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

*Note:* Church food stand proceeds of \$366.08 were deposited and distributed to BVCA per annual meeting vote.



## Women's Bible Study



### Eunice Circle

Eunice Circle met on September 9, 2019 at 1:30pm. Norma Banahan led our Bible study, "No hard feelings - the angst of anger." In poetry of the Old Testament, we see that our deep emotions matter to God.

Our study texts were from 1 Peter 4:7-11, Psalms 44, Psalms 51 and Psalms 69.

We opened with prayer and Hymn, "Canticle of the Turning." We closed with a prayer and Hymn, "My Lord, What a Morning," and The Lord's Prayer.

Norma called the meeting to order. Minutes were read and approved. Five (5) members answered roll call and one guest. Our offering was \$17.00.

Old Business: Work Day is August 27<sup>th</sup>.

New Business: Marla Weichel donated a gift certificate from "Quilt Stitches" to the quilting group. Work Day is September 24<sup>th</sup>. We signed a belated birthday card for Betty Damrow.

After Grace, Marla Weichel served refreshments.

Next Eunice Circle will be October 14, 2019 at 1:30pm, October book. Irene Gibson will lead the Bible study.

*~ Irene Gibson, Recorder*



## Mission Work Day

On September 24, five quilts were assembled and taken home to be hemmed.

It is with your generous donations and the efforts of so many people that this is possible, each month we find more donations and supplies in our quilt room. **THANK YOU!**

Please consider joining us, working together strengthens the fellowship within our congregation and community.

The work of our hearts and hands is a blessing to people in need.

Next work day is October 22, and getting them ready for shipping is October 29.

**Thanks Be To God**



Congratulations to Kolt and Hayden (Hemphill) Nutsch on the birth of a son, Kutter Deen Nutsch born August 3, 2019 at the Beatrice Community Hospital & Health Center.

Grandparents are Steve and Peggy Hemphill and Great Grandparents are Franklin and Betty Damrow.

*We extend our sympathy to Ann Parde and her family for the loss of her mother, Carol Dunekacke, on September 1. We remember Ann's family during their time of mourning.*

*We also keep the family of LeRoy "Roy" Barnts in our prayers who passed away on September 17 and his services were held at St. Paul Lutheran on September 27 and officiated by Pastor Mark and Chaplain Sharon Schuster.*

*May God's ever-present love give you peace and comfort.*



*With Deepest Sympathy*

***We pray for the following church members and those in need:***

***Jim Bures*** who is recovering from heart surgery

***Chris Schlichtman*** who is recovering from a burn injury

***Ann Parde and family*** on the loss of her mother, Carol Dunekacke

***The Family of Roy Barnts*** after his passing

***Cindy Bartlett***

*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, Margery Keefover, Skylar Folkers and Eden Lottman***



On September 15, 2019, we had a nice fall day for Worship in the Park and meal provided by the Family Night Committee.

Our opening Hymn was "This Is My Father's World," followed by the scripture lesson from Luke 15:1-10. Our closing Hymn was "Blest Be the Tie That Binds."

The Family Night Committee set up the meal that was later held at the Diller Picnic Foodstand grounds. We all enjoyed the delicious food and fellowship. If you were unable to join us this year, please join us next year for a fun departure from the ordinary.



## Worship in the Park



**Pictures from the  
Worship Service**



**After Grace by  
Pastor Mark,  
many enjoyed a meal  
and fellowship**



**WE NEED  
YOUR HELP**

The Church Council is seeking a congregational member to fill a vacancy on the Church Council. This term will be for October through to the Annual Meeting in January 2020. This congregational member will still be eligible to be nominated and elected to a three year term to Church Council at the Annual Meeting in January if he or she would choose to. Please contact a Church Council member or Pastor Mark if you would like to help fill this vacancy.



For their first service project of the year, our Confirmation students went to play Bingo with residents of Heritage Care Center in Fairbury on September 11.



Residents enjoyed spending time with the youth and received prizes when they had a Bingo.



Be a Sponsor

St. Paul is currently seeking individuals who would like to serve as a Sponsor for our Confirmation Students. We presently have 10 students in our Confirmation Program.

Being a friend to the student and possibly attending a confirmation class together would be some of the possibilities of being a Sponsor. Community service is also another phase of the Confirmation program and a Sponsor would certainly be welcome to participate.

This concept is not new to St. Paul as several years ago we did have an active Sponsor program with the Confirmation class. This proved to be a very rewarding and heart warming experience which created some lifetime friend relationships.

Interested individuals are encouraged to contact either Marla Weichel or Jamie Schultis. Let's fill these 10 spaces with Friendship and a golden opportunity to make a difference in the lives of our Youth.

Our Youth had a fun "frolfing" (frisbee golf) on Sunday, September 8 at the McNish course in Fairbury. Frisbee Golf, food and fellowship in a unique and beautiful park was a great time for all that attended.

The Youth will again be leading the worship service the last Sunday in October, and will be doing many more activities and service projects in the upcoming months. Watch the bulletin for the next activities!

Youth  
activities



*Pictures courtesy of Tyler Wolken and Darin and Kendra Weers*



The Diller-Odell Homecoming game vs. the Lawrence-Nelson Raiders was on Friday, September 13. It was a hard-fought game that capped off a fun week of spirit activities.

Many members of our church were part of the Homecoming Court. They were (as pictured) Samantha Clifford, Hannah Ebeling, Nicolaus Engelman, Haley Jones and Neleigh Weers. King and Queen were Connor Klecan and Melina Kostal from Odell.



Congratulations to the team for a valiant effort and to the members of the Homecoming Court.



The Pride of the Griffins marching band marched proudly and earned a lot of applause performing at the Richardson County Fair on September 12 in Humboldt. Many of our youth are involved with this iconic part of High School.



*Great job, Griffins!!*



## HAPPY ANNIVERSARY



### October Wedding Anniversaries

October 2, 2004

☞ Mr. & Mrs. Shawn & Jill Lottman

October 10, 1998

☞ Mr. & Mrs. Chris & Stacy Schlichtman



### October Birthdays



- 1 Jeremy Meyer
- 1 Corina Lottman
- 2 Jill Scheele
- 2 Jill Holliger
- 2 Lance Lawton
- 4 Pastor Mark Liscom
- 4 Steve Fugett
- 5 Betty Lawrence
- 6 Megan Langenberg
- 7 Jill Lottman
- 7 Cale Clifford
- 9 John Denner, Jr.
- 9 Sarah Schmidt

- 9 Jarod Gold
- 9 Madeline Lottman
- 9 Valerie Lottman
- 10 Jeanette Bures
- 14 Ray Landenberger
- 14 Jonathan Schmidt
- 15 Zachary Warren
- 15 Tynleigh Sasse
- 16 Kendra K Weers
- 17 David Duis
- 18 Phyllis Wiemers
- 18 Kevin Banahan

- 19 Josie Hennerberg
- 20 Marla Weichel
- 20 Bradley Hawkins
- 21 Scott Pretzer
- 22 Robert Weers
- 25 Janet Whitehead
- 26 Patrick Hemphill
- 27 Linda Beran
- 27 Noah Gold
- 29 Dylan Nippert
- 31 Sheri Schultis
- 31 Samantha Clifford





**October 6 Sunday Worship Service**  
**With Holy Communion**  
 Worship Assistant, David Henrichs  
 Greeter, Dennis Nippert

**October 13 Sunday Worship Service**  
 Worship Assistant, Diane Wellsandt  
 Greeter, Dean Pretzer

**October 20 Sunday Worship Service**  
 Worship Assistant, Jim Damrow  
 Greeter, Charles Barber

**October 27 Sunday Worship Service**  
 Worship Assistant, Youth Group  
 Greeter, Youth Group



**November 3 Sunday Worship Service**  
**With Holy Communion**  
 Worship Assistant, Sherry Henrichs  
 Greeter, Jim Damrow



Jonathan Schmidt  
 Christopher Schmidt  
 Doug Schmidt     Jamie Schultis

Russell Schultis     Brian Weers  
 Darin Weers         Robert Weers

Melvin Weers     Bob Wellsandt  
 Doyle Wolken     Tyler Wolken

Youth Group

Charles Barber     Dale Beran  
 Melvin Beran     Scott Beran



David Parde

Peyton Denner

Kellan Schlichtman

Zachary Warren

Myleigh Weers



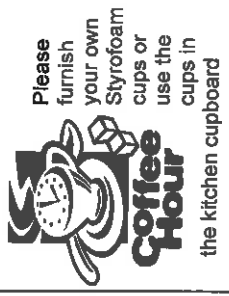
Pastor Mark

Jean  
 Schmidt

Beth Roelfs

Youth Group

Pastor Mark



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

Jan Gold  
 Radene Beran

Judy Landenberger  
 Toni Landenberger

Susan Lawton  
 Betty Lawrence

Jeanette Bures  
 Deb Nippert  
 Youth Group

Kendra S. Weers  
 Diane Wellsandt

# October 2019



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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
<p>Please check the weekly bulletin at the church or the website for updates in the calendar/schedule as some events were not available at press time.</p>		1	2	3	4	5
<p>Red Hymnal Worship Service 6</p>  <p>First Communion 9:30 AM</p>	7	8	9	10	11	12
<p>Blue Hymnal Worship Service 13</p> <p>9:30 AM</p>	14	15	16	17	18	19
<p>Red Hymnal Worship Service 20</p> <p>9:30 AM</p> <p><i>Newscaster items due</i></p>	21	22	23	24	25	26
<p>Blue Hymnal Reformation Sunday Youth-Led Worship Service 27</p> <p>9:30 AM</p> <p>Youth Meeting 6pm @ Parsonage</p>	28	29	30	31		

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**CROSS WALK**  
Christian Ed  
4:00pm

Confirmation  
Parents' Night  
7:00pm

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Christian Ed  
4:00pm

Confirmation  
Service Project  
7:00pm

**CROSS WALK**  
Christian Ed  
4:00pm

Council  
Meeting  
7:00pm

**CROSS WALK**  
Christian Ed  
4:00pm

CONFIRMATION  
Halloween w/MOSAIC  
6:30 pm

**CROSS WALK**  
Christian Ed  
4:00pm

Reformation



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