# 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.

June-July 2023
Pastor Mark Liscom

# Trying to Fix a Flat With Just a Pump

I've been fixing a lot of flats this spring while riding my bike for some reason. Not that much is required to fix a flat, but it's essential to take these things on every ride: A pump, little plastic tire irons (to take the tire off), and a patch for the hole.

Well, here's my question. What if the only tool I had was a pump? What would happen if I had a flat? Well, I would pump up the tire, and start riding. But soon what would happen? Yup, flat again pretty quickly. Not a great way to enjoy riding.

It strikes me that this is a great analogy, for our present culture. Let's get pumped up! I've talked with some people who tell me that this is why they come to church. To get a boost for the week. And then next week come back for another one. Stay pumped! Stay up!

But it doesn't last long does it? And soon we need another "boost". I think this is a huge problem for our culture. Always needing to "stay pumped." See the problem? The blind spot?

There is a lot more to being healthy than "staying pumped". At some point you need to put the pump away and go deeper. Take your life apart and find where it's broken, and patch things up. It's harder, and takes a lot more work and effort to be sure. It's easy to ignore the advice. But doesn't fixing the problem first make a lot more sense?

So if you are looking to "stay pumped" if you're flat, here's the message. Go to where it's broken first. Find the hole first and patch things up. Then when you get pumped up, the ride will be much better. And you'll also be better prepared when the next flat comes along.

Pastor Mark

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Melvin and BethLee Beran in Honor of their 67th Anniversary

Jim and Donna Damrow in Honor of their 50th Anniversary

Congratulations on your milestone anniversaries and thank you so much for your sponsorship!!

Sponsorships for 2023 have been fulfilled. There is an orange sign-up sheet on the announcements bulletin board in the back of the Narthex for 2024. Please consider sponsoring this important communication tool for our congregation and the many people it serves.

# IT'S DILLER PICNIC TIME!

The Diller Picnic is FAST approaching, and volunteers are needed to cover the shifts at the Church Food Stand and to put together the Church Parade float.

Food stand sign-up sheets are in the back of the Narthex with time slots available for Saturday, June 17.

#### **JESUS CARES "FUR" US**

St. Paul's 2023 float will feature this years VBS theme. Volunteers will be needed to build and dismantle the float. Five folks are asked to ride and wear simple "PET" headgear costumes.

Help cutting out letters would also be appreciated. Watch/listen for times and dates. Contact Beth if you are willing to help.



Please sign up to volunteer a few hours of time to help with either or both worthwhile projects and support our church. THANK YOU!

# St. Paul Lutheran Church Council Minutes for May 17, 2023

Council members present were Gary Bergmeier, Peg Hemphill, Allen Roelfs, Diane Wellsandt, Brian Weers, Jenette Bures and Pastor Mark Liscom. God sightings were shared by council and then Pastor Mark started the meeting with an opening prayer. Minutes were read and Diane moved to approve the minutes and seconded by Allen. Minutes approved.

#### TREASURER'S REPORT

Discussion was held about continuing the subscription to the large print devotional publication, "Christ In Our Home", it was decided to continue the subscription. Benevolence for the year is coming along. The Portico bill still needs to be paid for May (the rest of the Treasurer's report is at the bottom of this page). It was moved by Brian and seconded by Peg for approval of the Treasurer's report. Motion passed.

### MEMORIAL TREASURER'S REPORT

Jeanette reported that a new memorial was received and that \$1.04 in interest was received for a total account balance of \$15,636.81. Allen moved to accept the report and Peg seconded. The report was approved.

#### PASTOR'S REPORT

4 worship services, 1 confirmation, 1 confirmation class, 1 funeral, 5 hospital calls, 5 home communions, 1 youth meeting, 1 VBS meeting, 1 wedding consultation, 1 cluster meeting, 3 text studies.

## VICE CHAIRMAN REPORT

Things are going ok. Would like the Greeter to encourage visitors to sign the guest book.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Christian Education - met with the Ellis church about VBS, plan to meet one more time in July. It was decided that Ellis would provide lunch and our church will provide the supper.

Memorial – committee met to discuss the entry door project and are contacting families with memorials to ok the use of the memorials toward this project. Don't know about the Kraft Grant from the Synod yet.

Music and Worship and Family Night - N/A

Food Stand – the food stand will only be operated on the Saturday of the Picnic. Everything is being ordered and set up times to be determined.

Communication & Outreach - N/A

Property – the bid for the furnace is still going to be really close to the original quote on the furnace and A/C unit. Allen moved to accept the bid for the unit and was seconded by Jeanette. Motion passed.

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

No old business discussed. Allen is still planning on attending Synod Convention with Pastor.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

Pastor would like to revive the Mission Festival, can get Otto Schulz from the Synod to come and do a program for the festival. He runs the 12-step program within the Synod for Pastors.

There are changes coming with Confirmation; Pastor will discuss this with the Council soon.

Adult Forum Lite begins on May 21st following worship.

Diane will be gone May 22<sup>nd</sup> to 30<sup>th</sup>.

Pastor intends to be on vacation and will miss services on August 20th and 27th and October 22nd.

The next council meeting was set for Wednesday, June 21st at 7:30pm and committees to meet at 6:30pm, which will be after the Diller Picnic. Brian moved to adjourn the meeting and Diane seconded. The meeting was adjourned and closed with the Lord's Prayer.

~ Brian Weers, Council Secretary

		TREASURER'S REPORT As of 5/15/2023		L.
Current Balances General Fund Benevolence	\$12,535.86 \$ 506.67	Operating Expenses Available Cash	\$12,535.86	
Undesignated Funds <u>Designations</u> Total	\$14,480.00 \$ 5,500.33 \$33,022.86	Remaining Bills <u>Portico</u> Remaining Bal	\$ 1,851.21 \$10,684.65	pending bill
Offering Summary	March	April	May	
Current	\$ 6,339.60	\$ 9,264.68	\$ 6,682.00	
Benevolence Designated Funds	\$ 858.40 \$ 98.00	\$ 387.42 \$ 213.00	\$ 119.25 \$ 25.00	
Totals	\$ 7,296.00	\$ 9,865.10	\$ 6,826.25 (Partial Mor	nth)

We need to receive \$9,754.00 in CURRENT each month in order to meet our



# Eunice Circle

Eunice Circle met on May 8, 2023 at 1:30pm. Norma Banahan led our Bible study.

A Devotional: Serving with Zeal. What intergenerational hospitality and creativity have in common.

The study texts from: 1 Kings17:7-16; Matthew 6:25-34; Luke 19 and Romans 12.

We opened with prayer and Hymn, "All Are Welcome". We closed with prayer and Hymn, "Healer of Our Every Ill" and The Lord's Prayer.

Norma called our meeting to order. Minutes were read and approved. Members and guests answered Roll Call. Our offering was \$45.00.

Old Business: A report was made about the Spring Gathering held at Pickrell, NE on March 25<sup>th</sup>. WELCA Unit Meeting on April 30<sup>th</sup> after church service. Work Day is April 25<sup>th</sup>, all day.

New Business: St. Paul Lutheran Church will have a food stand at Diller Picnic only on Saturday night. Work Days on May 23<sup>rd</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup>.

After Grace, Marla Weichel served refreshments.

Next Eunice Circle meeting will be June 12, 2023 at 1:30pm, May/June book. Irene Gibson will lead Bible Study.

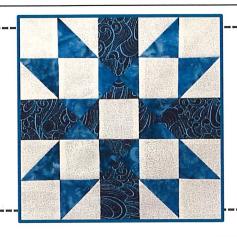
~ Irene Gibson, Recorder

# Mission Work Day

The quilters continue to meet every fourth and fifth Tuesday of each month at 9:00. All help is appreciated.

Our next work days are May 23 and 30.

God's Work - Our Hands





# Baby Kit Items wanted: Receiving Blankets Caps, Socks 4oz Bars of Soap

# Shoppers Wanted!

The Women of the ELCA are collecting items for their many projects of Baby Care Kits, School Kits and Personal Care Kits, and would love to include contributions from church members. Many find great items at garage sales or clearance sales, but must fit within the parameters of requirements. Please contact Marcy Barber if you would like to donate.

T-Shirt or Onesie\* Sweater/Sweatshirt/Jacket Cloth Diapers Gowns or Sleepers\* Bath Hand Towel Diaper Pins

\* The Sleepers must be without feet which are hard to find. We cut them off being careful about zippers and snaps. T-Shirts are preferred but we have cut onesies off right above the legs to make them as well.

# VBS 2023 - PETS UNLEASHED! Where Jesus Cares "Fur" You!



Flyers and QR codes with more information and registration available at the church

## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL SLATED FOR AUGUST 3RD

The adventure is a collaboration of St. Paul and Ellis United Methodist churches and is open to all children free of charge. Camp Jefferson will be the location. VBS runs from 8:30 - 6. Campers from preschool - 5th grade will become engaged in 2 Bible story lessons that include games, songs, crafts and discovery. Students will also have time to swim and play. A cookout and program for family and friends will top off the day.

Refer to the poster for registration information.

Guests are invited to join in on the fun at 6 for the program and 6:30 for a cookout meal. COME AND CELEBRATE THAT "JESUS CARES 'FUR' US"!

# CROSSWALK CLOSES WITH A SPLASH

The CrossWalk kids and families celebrated a successful year with a swim party at the YMCA on May 6. The group was small but the smiles were BIG. Dilly Bars topped off a great event.

We look forward to starting another great year in September.





# St. Paul Lutheran Confirmation May 7, 2023



The Confirmands Affirming their Baptism



Confirmed at St. Paul were (1 to r) Mason Schlichtman, Drake Day, Pastor Mark Liscom, Cale Clifford and Xavier Zabokrtsky



Confirmation

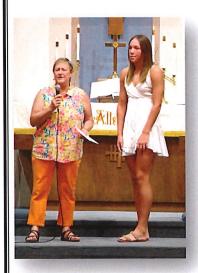
Confirmands receive their prayer books from WELCA by Diane Wellsandt





Confirmands are congratulated after the service

Congratulations Mason, Drake, Cale and Xavier! We welcome you to our Faith Family!



Beth Roelfs led the recognition of our 2023 graduates from High School and Advanced Degree recipients on May 21. Karli Heidemann was present to share her future plans and Beth Roelfs shared the future plans of the other graduates that weren't able to attend that day. Please see page 9 with all the graduates or the graduate board displayed in the Narthex.

Congratulations to all of you!!



May 14, 2023



May 21, 2023



The impromptu choir sang a traditional Hymn from the OSB during our Mother's Day worship service on May 14

# DILLER-ODELL FFA COMPLETES YEAR

On May 6, the Diller-Odell FFA Chapter had their end-of year banquet and labor auction where they raised an impressive amount for the chapter. The members did well at the state convention and competition in April and gained valuable experience and met many exceptional people from around the state.



Outgoing President Zachary Warren conducts the final meeting of the year. Chapter Officers from St. Paul Lutheran are Zachary Warren, Keira Hennerberg and Brennan Schultis At right, Joely displays her awards earned during the school year



# Jops & Concerns

~ JOYS ~

Happy Birthday!

**Norris Gold** had a 93<sup>rd</sup> birthday celebration Open House on May 28<sup>th</sup> at the Diller Community Building. Cards are welcome and can be sent to him at: Gardenside, 2200 H St, Norris Gold, Room 120, Fairbury, NE 68352

**High Achievers** 

Congratulations to our youth who achieved many academic awards after a year of hard work and dedication. Joely Weers received the Academic All-State award for Diller-Odell. High Honor Roll achievers were Karli Heidemann, Zachary Warren, Joely Weers and Peyton Denner, and Honor Roll achievers were Keira Hennerberg and Brennan Schultis. Our Junior High and Elementary students also worked very hard this year and received many academic awards.

### Graduation

**Congratulations** to our Seniors as they each move forward to the next stage of their lives. We pray God will walk with each of them.

2023 High School Graduates:

**Skylar Folkers** - daughter of Hunter and Amber Folkers, Diller-Odell High School **Karli Heidemann** - daughter of Jarrod and Kristen Heidemann, Diller-Odell High School **Xavier Jones** - son of Ed and Carla Zarybnicky, Diller-Odell High School **Spencer Weers** - son of Shawn and (the late) Melissa Weers, Fairbury High School 2023 College Graduates:

Spencer Schmidt - son of Doug and Julie Schmidt, University of Nebraska - Lincoln Bryston Warren - son of Jennifer Warren, Kansas State University (Manhattan)

## ~ CONCERNS ~

Caring and Prayers to those that have lost loved ones recently.

We share deep sadness with Jonathan, Christopher and the Schmidt family as they mourn the passing of Jean Schmidt on May 25. Jean was a part of the fabric of St. Paul. Services were held here at St. Paul Lutheran on May 31, officiated by Pastor Mark Liscom. She served on council, committees and regularly volunteered. She will be missed. We hold you in heartfelt prayer.

Our thoughts go out to Ardie Barber and family as they honor the life of sister-in-law Jeanette Bangart. As noted in her obituary: She exemplified timeless beauty with her class, charm, grit, grace and unassuming elegance. We are sorry for your loss.

# $\sim PRAYER\ LIST \sim$

please pray for...

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:

Eldean Banahan, Robert Weers, Norris Gold, Toni Landenberger, Tyler Wolken, Betty Hennerberg, Norman Balderson and Allison Lottman





Diller-Odell graduation took place on Saturday, May 13, 2023. Karli Heidemann gave the advice and farewell address to the Senior Class at the ceremony. The guest speaker was nationally accomplished sportscaster Bill Doleman from Fairbury. Spencer Weers graduated from Fairbury High School on May 14, 2023.



Karli Heidemann gives the advice and farewell to the



Spencer smiles with a classmate after becoming a new graduate



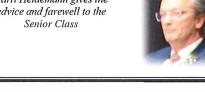
Karli and Skylar celebrate being new graduates

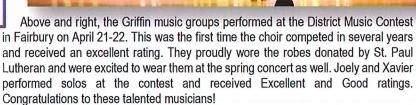


Our Graduates receiving their diplomas, Karli, Skylar and Spencer

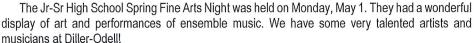








At left, accomplished portscaster Bill Doleman gives the Graduation Address









The Griffins had a very successful track season with five state qualifying events.

Congratulations to the following for making it to State: Keira Hennerberg and Myleigh Weers on the 4x400m relay and Myleigh Weers in the 400meter dash, where she placed 6th with a time of 1:01.55. Congratulations, Myleigh, and all the state qualifiers! Go Griffins!!







# CONGRATULATIONS

# to All Our Graduates



Our High School Graduates



## Skylar Jane Folkers

Daughter of Hunter and Amber Folkers

DILLER-ODELL HIGH SCHOOL

Will work as a Para in Early Childhood





#### Karli Ann Heidemann

Daughter of Jarrod and Kristen Heidemann

DILLER-ODELL HIGH SCHOOL

Will attend Montana State University – Bozeman



## **Xavier Dale Jones** Son of Carla and Ed Zabokrtsky

DILLER-ODELL HIGH SCHOOL
Will enter the Job Corps in Kansas City





Spencer Gaige Weers

Son of Shawn and the late Melissa Weers

FAIRBURY HIGH SCHOOL

Will attend

Southeast Community College - Lincoln

# Our Advanced Degree Recipients











Rachel Nicole Pella

Granddaughter of Melvin and BethLee Beran CENTRAL COLLEGE – Pella, Iowa Bachelor of Arts in Exercise Science

# Spencer Douglas Schmidt

Son of Doug and Julie Schmidt
UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA - Lincoln
Bachelors of Science in Geology and
Mathematics

Bryston Gene Warren
Son of Jennifer Warren
KANSAS STATE UNIVERSITY
Bachelor of Science in
Agricultural Economics and Finance

# Our Extended Church Family Graduates

# Shelton James Crawford Grandson of Dean and Jane Pretzerl BEATRICE HIGH SCHOOL Will attend Doane University – Crete



# Emily Michele Pella Granddaughter of Melvin and BethLee Beran PARK HILL HIGH SCHOOL Will attend University of Nebraska - Lincoln



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# June Birthdays

1	Dennis Hennerberg	14	Makayla Hawkins	19	Marcy Barber
2	Mark Wolken	14	Bryston Warren	23	Tyson Landenberger
5	Shelly Smith	15	Jody Roelfs	23	Jesse Scheele
11	Jennifer Warren	17	Anthony Fugett	24	Xavier Jones
11	Lucas Nippert	17	Taylor Landenberger	26	James Damrow
12	Andrew Fugett	18	Reese Hennerberg	30	Cindy Lottman
		19	Douglas Lottman		

# July Birthdays

1	Rodney Arthur	12	Bradley Sasse	20	Susan Meyer
3	Stacy Roelfs	13	Dean Pretzer	22	Sharon Arthur
4	Pierce Rallis	15	Marquis Weers	23	Holli Pretzer
5	Brennan Schultis	16	Kashtyn Sasse	23	Dean Roelfs
6	Kyle Bergmeier	16	Lakeyn Sasse	24	ReJeanna Sasse
9	Reid Pretzer	17	Harvey Nish	24	Morgan Steensnes
9	Jocelyn Nippert	18	Kasen Sasse	24	Scarlet Steensnes
9	Turner Nippert	18	Knox Sasse	25	Tucker Goldsberry
10	Courtney Lottman	18	Pastor Delmar Wiemers	30	Julie Schmidt
10	Wyatt Smith				







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June 1, 2013 & Mr. & Mrs. Karter & Tara Sasse June 2, 1968 Mr. & Mrs. Dennis & Jeanette Hennerberg June 3, 1956 Mr. & Mrs. Melvin & BethLee Beran	June 17, 2000 & Mr. & Mrs. Jarrod & Kristen Heidemann June 18, 1994 & Mr. & Mrs. Scott & Holli Pretzer June 19, 1993 & Mr. & Mrs. Rick & Annette Garton
June 4, 1977 🗞 Mr. & Mrs. John & Linda Garcia	June 22, 1996 🏕 Mr. & Mrs. John Jr. & Cheryl Denner
June 4, 1977 & Mr. & Mrs. Dean & Elizabeth Roelfs	June 23, 1973 🏕 Mr. & Mrs. Doyle & Marlene Wolken
June 5, 1993 & Mr. & Mrs. Larry & Susan Lawton	June 23, 1984 🏕 Mr. & Mrs. Dale & Radene Beran
June 7, 1980 & Mr. & Mrs. Neil & Sue Meyer	June 26, 1977 🏕 Mr. & Mrs. David & Rhonda Duis
June 8, 1968 & Mr. & Mrs. Larry & Sondra Germer	June 27, 1992 🗞 Mr. & Mrs. Norris & Jan Gold
June 12, 2010 & Mr. & Mrs. B.J. & Shannon Stein	June 29, 1996 🗞 Mr. & Mrs. Kelly & Lisa Gold
June 15, 1975 & Mr. & Mrs. Rod & Sharon Arthur	June 29, 1990 🏕 Mr. & Mrs. Douglas & Julie Schmidt

# **July Wedding Anniversaries**

July 16, 2011 **>** Mr. & Mrs. Bradley & Lacey Sasse July 19, 2014 **>** Mr. & Mrs. John Duis

July 24, 1993 & Mr. & Mrs. Tim & Jill Scheele July 28, 1973 & Mr. & Mrs. James & Donna Damrow July 29, 1989 & Mr. & Mrs. Steve & Kim Fugett **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!





# June 4 Sunday Worship Service With Holy Communion Holy Trinity Sunday

Worship Assistant – Diane Wellsandt Greeter – Dean Pretzer Coffee Service – Kendra S Weers, Kalli Roelfs

# June 11 Sunday Worship Service

Worship Assistant – Gary Bergmeier Greeter – Charles Barber Coffee – Kendra K Weers, Deb Nippert

# June 18 Sunday Worship Service Happy Father's Day

Worship Assistant – Jamie Schultis Greeter – Gary Bergmeier Coffee Service – Ardith Barber, Kristen Heidemann



# June 25 Sunday Worship Service

Worship Assistant – Diane Wellsandt Greeter – Jim Bures Coffee Service – Jeanette Bures, Jill Scheele

# June 2023



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Blue Hymnal <b>25</b> Worship Service <b>9:30 AM</b>	26	Work Day All Day	28	29	30	



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# July 2 Sunday Worship Service With Holy Communion

Worship Assistant – Gary Bergmeier Greeter – Dennis Nippert Coffee – Robbyn Roelfs, Beth Roelfs

# July 9 Sunday Worship Service

Worship Assistant – David Henrichs Greeter – Dean Pretzer Coffee – Jane Pretzer, Jill Zabokrtsky

# **July 16 Sunday Worship Service**

Worship Assistant – Sherry Henrichs Greeter – Charles Barber Coffee Service – Stacy Roelfs, Beth Roelfs

## July 23 Sunday Worship Service

Worship Assistant – Brian Weers Greeter – Gary Bergmeier Coffee Service – Radene Beran, Sue Meyer

# July 30 Sunday Worship Service

Worship Assistant – Sherry Henrichs Greeter – Jim Bures Coffee Service – Marcy Barber, Sondra Germer



# August 6 Sunday Worship Service With Holy Communion

Worship Assistant – David Henrichs Greeter – Dennis Nippert Coffee Service – Leatha Christ, Diane Wellsandt

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