

# St. Paul's Newscaster



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## Going to the doctor: Do you really want to know?

There is a certain common wisdom that says that it's better to not go to the doctor. The reason is simple: The doctor is sure to find something! And once that is found, more problems are sure to follow. Same with taking your car to a mechanic to have it checked out. It's a virtual certainty that there will be more bad news that could have just been avoided if you just let things be. Everything was just fine.....until someone took a good look at me, or my car.

When it comes to the spiritual life, that same wisdom would go like this. It's easy to just stay with the routine.....things are good enough, my problems aren't that big, and I'm happy enough. Why should I crack my bible, or work on my prayer life? Why should I get involved? Because the truth is that I am sure to discover problems that I didn't know about, or issues that I need to deal with that I would simply be better off not knowing about. If I let the Spirit of God go digging around in my life, something will be found!

Well, I know what it's like. I have a colonoscopy coming up and I would just really rather not know. I feel great.....why bother? It's such an air tight argument. For it is easier to avoid knowing, face the changes that are happening, walk around the issues that life is bringing us.

All I can say is that the way of Jesus challenges this wisdom. The wisdom of Jesus is the wisdom of the cross. And what it says is that as painful as it might be, it is much better to go the doctor and get checked out, take your car in for regular maintenance, and let God's Spirit shine the light of truth on those issues you need to deal with. In fact, it's the root of joyful living. For it is true. We all have some issue in our life that needs to be worked on.

That work IS that which promises you the best in life.....and the greatest experience of God's presence.

# NEWS LETTER

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# August



*Sponsors for the August Newscaster are*

**Eldean and Norma Banahan**  
**In Honor of their 60<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary**  
**and**  
**Dean and Jane Pretzer**  
**in Honor of their 48<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary**

*Congratulations on your milestone anniversaries!*

*The 2018 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!*

**Many things are beginning this month with the Church and Community. Please take note of these dates:**

- **Sunday, August 6** - Worship with Communion
- **Monday, August 7** - Eunice Circle
- **Wednesday, August 16** -  
    School Begins - WELCA Unit Meeting - Church Council Meeting
- **Monday, August 21** - Eclipse
- **Tuesday, August 22** - Mission Work Day
- **Wednesday, August 23** - Confirmation Begins - Newscaster Items **DUE**
- **Sunday, August 27** - Youth-Led Worship - First Sunday School - Youth Meeting
- **Tuesday, August 29** - Mission Work Day (5<sup>th</sup> Tuesday)



# St. Paul Lutheran Church Council Minutes for June 21, 2017

Pastor Mark opened the meeting with prayer. Members present were Charles Barber, Marcy Barber, David Henrichs, Cindy Lottman, Allen Roelfs and Jean Schmidt. Minutes from the May meeting were reviewed. Dave moved to accept and Marcy seconded. Motion passed.

## Treasurer's Report

Marcy reported that the current balance is \$2,703.72. All the bills except for June Portico have been paid. Thank you to the congregation for helping to take care of the budget deficit! Cindy moved to accept and Jean seconded. Motion passed.

## Memorial Treasurer's Report

Allen reported that the current balance is \$18,082.20. The only deposit to the account was monthly interest. The memorial committee has made a decision on the new church sign. Allen presented the design to the Church Council. Dave moved to accept the design proposal and move forward with the purchase and Cindy seconded. Motion passed. Marcy moved to accept the Memorial Treasurer's report and Allen seconded. Motion passed.

## Pastor's Report

4 Sunday services, 1 Synod Convention, 1 Youth Group meeting, 1 Youth Canoe Trip, 1 Synod Social Justice Committee Meeting, 1 Mutual Ministry Committee meeting, 2 rest home visits, 1 Synod Faith and Sexism Workshop, 1 Vacation Bible School meeting, 1 Vacation Bible School, 2 hospital calls, 2 other calls, 2 text studies, 1 Cluster meeting. No mileage.

- Vacation Bible School was successful.
- The Youth Group canoe trip went well.

## Committee Reports

- Diller Picnic Food Stand – the committee is finalizing plans for the picnic.
- Mutual Ministry – the committee met with Pastor Mark and went through his beliefs and discussed how to proceed with developing a church mission.

## Old Business

- Pastor Mark will contact the congregation members that have shown interest in helping with the Assistant Minister duties.
- Charles and Marcy have finished going through the file cabinets and organizing them. They also accessed the safe deposit box. The box was cleaned out and important documents were added to the bank box. Thank you!
- Pastor Mark will write an explanation, to print in bulletin, to explain how the offering money is used for current, benevolence and special designations.
- A current offering list, with envelope numbers, should be created using members that attended on a regular basis.

## New Business

- Doug Lottman spread rock in the area where the trees were removed north of church. Thank you!
- Pastor Mark discussed the Transformational Ministry program that he would like St. Paul to participate in. Pastor Mark would like to develop a team to work with and attend the activities. Allen moved to accept the program and for Pastor Mark to look into participating in it and Dave seconded. Motion passed.

The next council meeting will be on Wednesday, July 19, 2017, at 7:00 p.m. Dave made a motion to adjourn and Jean seconded. Motion passed. The meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Jean Schmidt, Council Secretary

### TREASURER'S REPORT

<b>General Fund Balance as of 6/20/2017</b>		<b>\$ 3,413.42</b>
Bills Due by end of June:	June Portico	\$ 3,893.20
	<b>Total Due:</b>	<b>\$ 3,893.20</b>



<i>Last Month: May</i>		<i>Current Month: June</i>	
Current	\$ 12,810.07	Current	\$ 8,008.80
Benevolence	969.25	Benevolence	709.70
World Hunger	25.00	World Hunger	0.00
Specials	70.00	Specials	150.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 13,874.32</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 8,868.50</b>

**We need \$11,984.57 in CURRENT per month to meet the 2017 budget.**

# St. Paul Lutheran Church Council Minutes for July 19, 2017

Pastor Mark opened the meeting with prayer. Members present were Marcy Barber, David Henrichs, Cindy Lottman, Allen Roelfs and Jean Schmidt. Absent was Charles Barber. Minutes from the June meeting were reviewed. Allen moved to accept and David seconded. Motion passed.

## Treasurer's Report

Marcy reported that the current balance is \$2,686.81. Not all of the monthly bills and the July Portico have not been paid. David moved to accept the treasurer's report and Jean seconded. Motion passed.

## Memorial Treasurer's Report

Allen reported that the current balance is \$18,103.90. There was a \$20 memorial deposit and the monthly interest was deposited. The memorial committee is ready to order the new church sign. Memorials have been approved to pay for the project. Jean moved to accept the memorial treasurer's report and David seconded. Motion passed.

## Pastor's Report

4 worship services, 3 home communions, 3 text study meetings, 2 counseling sessions, 3 hospital calls and Diller Picnic activities. No mileage.

- There have been requests to transfer memberships to St. Paul. Pastor will meet with them to discuss membership. Welcome!
- The Transformational Ministry Group consisting of Allen Roelfs, Linda Beran and Scott Beran attended a meeting with Pastor Mark to get the process started.
- There are new families that will be joining the Confirmation classes.

## Committee Reports

- Diller Picnic Food Stand – Food Stand did better than past few years; nut much food or supplies were left over; receipts should be higher and expenses lower this year.

## Old Business

- Pastor Mark is finishing up the explanation to print with information about offering.

## New Business

- A work day for clean-up and repairs to the church and outside area may be scheduled for members to complete projects.
- A Sunday Park Service is being planned for September 10. Games and Sunday School activities will follow and a potluck will be held.
- Ideas were discussed on how to keep the congregation informed about the church's offering/financial situation as well as the attendance.
- St. Paul received a letter from Stanton Propane about contracting propane. Council discussed the contract. Allen moved to contract 3,000 gallons and Cindy seconded. Motion passed. Marcy will get a signed contract to Stanton Propane.

The next council meeting will be on Wednesday, August 16, 2017, at 7:00 p.m. Jean made a motion to adjourn and Allen seconded. Motion passed. The meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Jean Schmidt, Council Secretary

## TREASURER'S REPORT

<b>General Fund Balance as of 7/18/2017</b>	<b>\$ 4,132.51</b>
Bills Due by end of July: July Portico \$ 3,893.20	Other 716.98
<b>Total Due:</b>	<b>\$ 4,610.18</b>



<i>Last Month: June</i>		<i>Current Month: July</i>	
Current	\$ 9,338.40	Current	\$ 7,689.12
Benevolence	767.10	Benevolence	678.60
World Hunger	0.00	World Hunger	225.00
Specials (VBS)	150.00	Specials	0.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 10,255.50</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 8,592.73</b>

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# June-July Eunice Circle

Eunice Circle met on June 12, 2017 at 1:30pm. Norma Banahan led our Bible Study. Study was "All anew - Ready or Not - Say Goodbye to Nice. "Niceness" can sometimes get in the way of "doing good" in our lives and with our Faith community." During the 500<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Reformation, we remember that we are part of God's work to make all things new.

There were several texts from the Bible; Revelation 3:14-19a, 1 Samuel 17:1 through 18:9, 1 Kings 2:1 - 3 and 2 Corinthians 4:7.

We opened with prayer and closed with The Lord's Prayer.

Norma called our meeting to order. Minutes were read and approved. Five (5) members answered roll call. Our Offering was \$10.00.

Old Business: Warren's Community Table was on May 9, 2017 at 5:30pm in Beatrice. WELCA Unit Meeting was on May 17<sup>th</sup> at 7pm. Work Days were May 23<sup>rd</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup>. We need 4oz bars of soap for baby care kits. Also, donations for school kit supplies are still needed.

New Business: WELCA Unit Meeting will be on August 16<sup>th</sup> at 7pm. Work Days will be June 27<sup>th</sup>. Still need 4oz bars of soap for baby care kits. Donations for school kits supplies are still needed. All donations are appreciated.

After Grace, Cleo Perkins served refreshments.

Next Eunice Circle meeting will be July 10, 2017 at 1:30pm, July/August book, July Bible Studv. Irene Gibson will be studv leader.

- Irene Gibson, Recorder



**WOMEN'S**  
BIBLE STUDY

Eunice Circle met on July 10, 2017 at 1:30pm. Our Bible study was led by Irene Gibson. "Whenever God does a new thing, it happens in, through and with people who live on the margins. God calls us to the margins to bring God's Kingdom to Earth here and now. Like Jesus, we find ourselves standing with the least of these."

Our texts were from all chapters of Micah - various verses. Also, Luke 6:20-25, Philemon 1:1-3 and 10-17, Acts 22:25-29.

We opened with prayer and closed with The Lord's Prayer.

Norma called our meeting to order. Minutes were read and approved. Five (5) members answered Roll Call. Our offering was \$13.00.

Old Business: WELCA unit meeting is on August 16 at 7pm. Work Day was on June 27<sup>th</sup>. We still need 4oz bars of soap for baby care kits. Donations for school kit supplies are also needed. All donations are appreciated.

New Business: WELCA unit meeting will be on August 16<sup>th</sup> at 7pm. Work Day will be July 25<sup>th</sup>. We still need 4oz bars of soap for baby care kits.

After Grace, Betty Damrow served refreshments.

Next Eunice Circle meeting will be August 14, 2017 at 1:30pm, July/August book, August Bible Study. Kay Taylor will be Study Leader.

- Irene Gibson, Recorder

## Mission Work Day

Yes, we've been working!! May 30, seven quilts were tied, on June 27, ten were done, seven more when we met July 25. All are hemmed at home, much material is sized and readied at home also. As always, all donations and help are appreciated.

Probably one of the best parts of getting together is the fellowship, such an enjoyment. Once someone said a lot happens on workday besides making quilts! So true.

August 22<sup>nd</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> will find us at work again. Consider joining us.



Thanks be to God!



## St. Paul WELCA August Unit Meeting

Wednesday, August 16, 2017  
7:00 p.m.

We will be reviewing our summer activities  
and  
Discuss our upcoming fall events

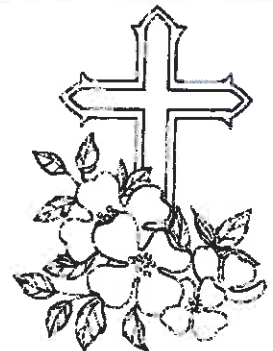
**All Women of the church are encouraged to attend**

## *We extend our Deepest Sympathy to several church families;*

*The Family of Kaye Schlake of Fairbury who passed away June 28, 2017 following a three year battle with cancer. Private family burial at Christ Lutheran Cemetery, rural Pickrell*

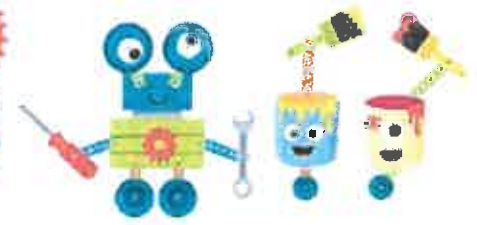
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*To Melvin and Beth Lee Beran and Scott and Linda Beran in the Passing of Beth Lee's sister, Elaine Erdmann of DeWitt. Elaine passed away June 7, 2017. Her services were June 12, 2017 at Trinity Lutheran, DeWitt.*





St. PAUL VBS



JUNE 5-9, 2017

“Maker Fun Factory – Created by God, Built for a Purpose” was our 2017 Vacation Bible School theme. Kids learned about God’s purpose for them through activities, songs, bible verses, snacks, KidVid Cinema and Imagination Station. Children attended June 5-9 with a week full of fun and learning.

As part of our Vacation Bible School, children were encouraged to bring food items to “fill the robot” to donate to Blue Valley Community Action in Fairbury.

*The week was filled with the following daily stories and themes:*

**Day 1:** Bible Story: God Lovingly Creates People.

Theme: God Made You!

Bible Verse: “Thank you for making me so wonderfully complex!” (Psalm 139:14)



**Day 2:** Bible Story: Rahab Believes in God’s Mighty Power.

Theme: God Is For You

Bible Verse: “If God is for us, who can be against us?” (Romans 8:31)

**Day 3:** Bible Story: God Is With Gideon

Theme: God Is Always With You

Bible Verse: “The Lord your God is with you wherever you go.” (Joshua 1:9)



**Day 4:** Bible Story: Jesus dies and comes back to life.

Theme: God Will Always Love You

Bible Verse: “Your unfailing love will last forever.” (Psalm 89:2)

**Day 5:** Bible Story: Abigail Brings Peace

Theme: God Made You for a Reason

Bible Verse: “For I know the plans I have for you,” says the Lord.” (Jeremiah 29:11)





On Sunday, June 11, we concluded our week of Vacation Bible School with a program during the church service. Different activities and songs of each day were shared with our congregation and community.



### Some Pictures from VBS

*Clockwise, from bottom left:* Pastor Mark talks about the daily message from VBS; the children sing one of their theme songs during the program; pipe drums and "Holy Spirit" (air puffer) created some fun activities; Pastor Mark sports his construction gear; Happy robots on our front doors greet the children every morning; another song at the program; Pastor Mark demonstrates and explains the pipe drums and air puffer – some favorites of the children.



The Christian Education Committee wants to thank the numerous individuals (adults and youth) who helped make this opportunity possible for the children of our church and community. Thanks goes to the Crew Leaders; Brianna Weers, Esdon Weers, Mallory Denner, Hollie Crawford and Karli Heidemann, and also youth helpers, Neleigh Weers (with the pictures and video for program), Samantha Clifford and Kelsay Schlichtman. You helped make the week and our VBS very special! Also, a big thank you to the adult volunteers...NOTHING would happen without you!! Thank you all for your time and willingness in sharing in God's creation and gearing up for God that helped kids begin to learn about their faith by how they were created by God, and built for a purpose!





✿ It's Twins!! Congratulations to the families of Jeremy and Crystal Meyer at the birth of their twin girls, Dixie Jem and Zena Fiori born May 30 in Crete. They are at home in DeWitt and are doing well.

Donald and the late Virginia Meyer are the proud grandparents. Congratulations!

✿ Congratulations also to Mike and Liz Wellsandt of Omaha who had a baby girl, Rae Elizabeth, born July 16. She weighed 7lbs 11oz and was 20¼ inches long. Proud big brothers are Charlie and Henry. Equally proud Grandparents are Bob and Diane Wellsandt.

God's blessing to these families and their precious little ones and may we keep them all in our prayers.

*A special thank you to everyone for their many gestures of kindness and sympathy in the passing of my sister, Elaine (Baumfaulk) Erdmann on June 7<sup>th</sup> for their cards, calls, memories, thoughts and prayers.*

*Blessings,*

*BethLee and Melvin Beran and Families*

*Thank You*



*Many Thanks to.....*

✿ Jill Scheele, all adult sponsors and those who helped with the food to make our Youth Group canoe trip down the Niobrara River a great trip.

✿ All members of the congregation who helped with the Picnic Food Stand and Church Float. These activities and projects could not and would not happen without the volunteer help of our members.

We had a couple church members who had surgery recently.

Nathan Beran, who is home and recovering, and Don Meyer, who has had minor complications, but is improving and recovering.

Please keep these members in your thoughts and prayers for continued healing.



*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,  
Dylan Nippert, Eden Lottman, Mallory Helton and Skylar Folkers*

## Diller Picnic 2017 "Once In A Lifetime"



St. Paul Lutheran always has a beautiful float for the Diller Picnic Parade, which was held on June 24, 2017. Thank you Beth Roelfs for organizing the float and BIG thank yous to all those who volunteered their time. It's beautiful!!



### August Birthdays

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

### August Wedding Anniversaries

August 6, 1994

☞ Mr. & Mrs. Brett & Toni Landenberger

August 10, 1969

☞ Mr. & Mrs. Dean & Jane Pretzer

August 15, 1998

☞ Mr. & Mrs. Chris & Angie Clifford

August 24, 1958

☞ Mr. & Mrs. Guilford & Ardyce Wiemers

August 27, 1983

☞ Mr. & Mrs. Mike & Rhonda Balderson

August 29, 2014

☞ Mr. & Mrs. Tom & Danielle Reeson

August 8, 1954

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

August 11, 1957

☞ Mr. & Mrs. Eldean & Norma Banahan

August 21, 1999

☞ Mr. & Mrs. Darin & Kendra Weers

August 27, 1976

☞ Mr. & Mrs. Joel & Linda Holtmeier

August 28, 2010

☞ Mr. & Mrs. Josh & Kalli Roelfs

August 31, 2013

☞ Mr. & Mrs. Riley & Sonia Sasse





**August 6 Sunday Worship Service  
With Holy Communion**

**Worship Assistant, Jim Damrow**  
Greeter, Franklin Damrow

**August 13 Sunday Worship Service**

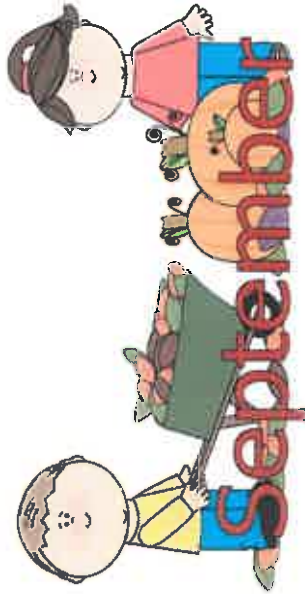
**Worship Assistant, Sherry Henrichs**  
Greeter, Jim Bures

**August 20 Sunday Worship Service**

**Worship Assistant, Jamie Schultis**  
Greeter, Dean Pretzer

**August 27 Sunday Worship Service**

**Worship Assistant, Youth Group**  
Greeter, Youth Group



**September 3 Sunday Worship Service  
With Holy Communion**

**Worship Assistant, Dennis Hennerberg**  
Greeter, Charles Barber



**Tim Scheele**      **Cody Scheele**  
**Jesse Scheele**      **B. J. Stein**

**Brian Weers**      **Darin Weers**  
**Melvin Weers**      **Robert Weers**

**Bob Wellsandt**      **Doyle Wolken**  
**Charles Barber**      **Dale Beran**

Youth Group

**Melvin Beran**      **Scott Beran**  
**Gary Bergmeier**      **Jim Bures**



Reminder: If you are scheduled, you are expected to acolyte. Arrange for someone else to cover if you will not be there for your scheduled Sunday.

**Mykah Folkers**

**Skylar Folkers**

**Karli Heidemann**

**Ezekiel Jones**

**Xavier Jones**



**Children's Sermon**

**Pastor Mark**

**Beth Roelfs**

**Sheri Schultis**

**Youth Group**

**Pastor Mark**



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

**Judy Garton**  
**Annette Garton**

**Jan Gold**  
**Kristen Heidemann**

**Shannon Stein**  
**Robbyn Roelfs**

**Joyce Lahodny**  
**Jean Schmidt**

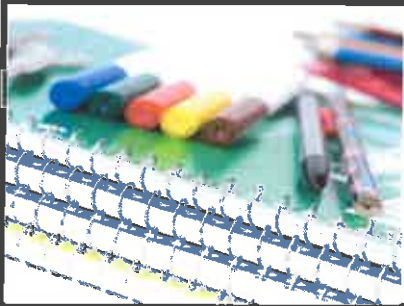
**Ardith Barber**  
**Marcy Barber**

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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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Red Hymnal <b>Worship Service 6</b> 9:30 AM Holy Communion	<b>7</b> Eunice Circle 1:30pm	8	9	10	11	12
Blue Hymnal <b>Worship Service 13</b> 9:30 AM	14	15	 Women Unit of the Meeting ELCA 7pm <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; width: fit-content; margin: 5px auto;">                         Council Meeting                          7:00pm                     </div>	17	18	19
Red Hymnal <b>Worship Service 20</b> 9:30 AM	21	22 <b>Work Day</b> All Day	23 Confirmation Begins 7:00pm <i>Newscaster items due</i>	24	25	26 Odell Days
Blue Hymnal Youth-Led <b>Worship Service 27</b> 9:30 AM SUNDAY SCHOOL 10:30 AM Youth Meeting 6:30 at Parsonage	28	29 <b>Work Day</b> All Day	30	31		



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