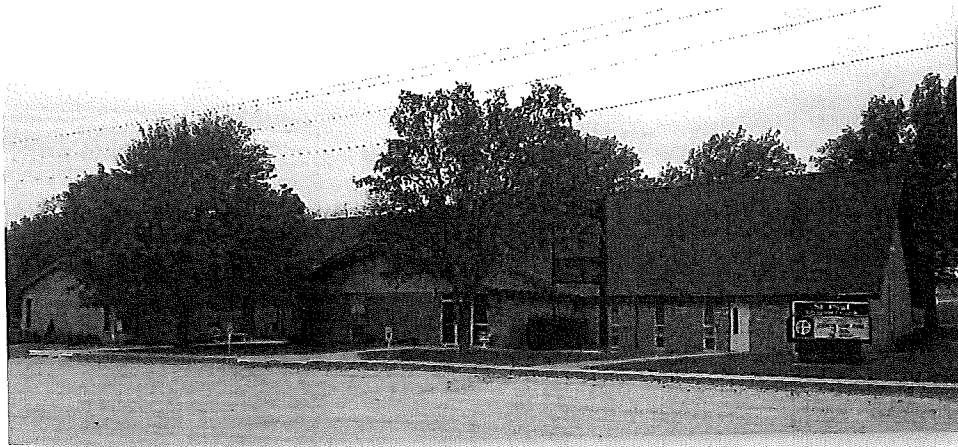


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*To open our hearts and doors to share God's promise by transforming lives
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November 2021
Pastor Mark Liscom

Streaky People

A preacher put this question to a class of children. "if all the good people were white and all the bad people were black, what color would you be?"

Little Mary Jane replied, "Reverend, I'd be streaky!"

So would the preacher. So would the popes and saints.

A man was looking for a good church to attend and he happened to enter one in which the congregation and the preacher were reading from their prayer book. They were saying, "We have left undone those things which we ought to have done, and we have done those things which we ought not to have done."

The man dropped into a seat and sighed with relief as he said to himself, "Thank goodness, I've found my crowd at last."

Attempts to hide your streakiness will sometimes be successful, always dishonest.

(taken from "The Song of the Bird" by Anthony de Mello)

Pastor Mark



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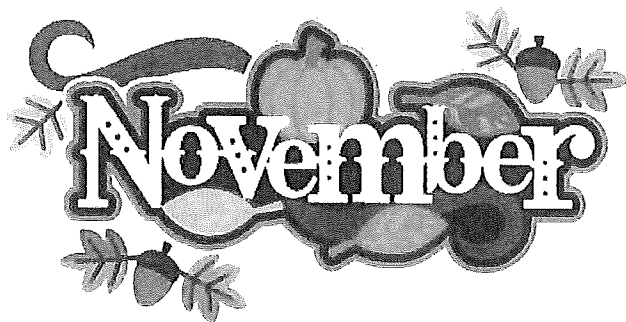
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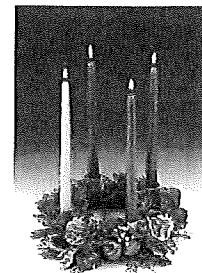
There is a light orange sign-up sheet on the announcements bulletin board in the back of the Narthex for 2022. Please consider sponsoring this important communication tool for our congregation.

November WELCA Activities

**November 3, 2021 (Wednesday) 7:00 p.m.
Unit WELCA Meeting**

**November 21, 2021 (Sunday)
ThankOffering Service during the
Morning Worship Hour**

**November 28, 2021 (Sunday)
Hanging of the Greens during
Morning Worship Hour**



St. Paul Lutheran Church Council Minutes for October 20, 2021

Council members present were Darin Weers, Diane Wellsandt. Pastor Mark Liscom, David Henrichs, Gary Bergmeier, and Tyler Wolken. Not present was Peggy Hemphill. Pastor mark started the meeting with an opening prayer. The council members shared life and faith stories. The minutes from the previous meeting were reviewed. Gary made the motion to approve the minutes and Diane seconded. The minutes were approved.

Treasurer's Report

Gary reported that there was a total available cash of \$2750.53 in the account. Still needing to be paid are Norris and Portico. Leaving an ending balance of (95.04). Gary along with Stacy and Allen Roelfs will be working on the preliminary budget to present at December council meeting. Darin moved to accept the report and Tyler seconded. The minutes were approved.

Memorial Treasurer's Report

Darin reported that there was an interest on the account of \$0.73. The balance in the account is \$12,773.89. Gary moved to accept the report and Diane seconded. The report was approved.

Pastor's Report

4 worship services, 2 youth meetings, 3 confirmation classes, 3 text studies, 1 cluster meeting, 1 Nebraska Synod Theological conference, 1 bishops assistant meeting, 2 home communions, and 3 hospital calls.

Committee Reports

Worship and Music- The committee is planning an All Saints Sunday service.

Christian Education- The committee is working on a Christmas program for all the Crosswalk youth. Truck or Treat is October 31 in the church parking lot.

Property- N/A

Communication and Outreach- N/A

Food Stand- N/A

Vice Chairman's Report- N/A

OLD BUSINESS

- Gary talked with Jeff Nelson and Jeff Hays to try and secure a dependable difublator to have at the church in case of emergencies. The council decided with the help with Jeff Nelson and Jeff Hays to go ahead and purchase one that would not exceed \$2000.

NEW BUSINESS

- The council is planning on having a Mission Festival service in November with a potluck to follow. Follow the church's Facebook page and the church bulletin for more details.

- Pastor Mark is working with the confirmation youth and families to help with acolyting again.

- The council discussed eliminating the budget line for Crosswalk and just using the funds that are already in that line item to fund it's expenses. Families can still designate funds to Crosswalk but it will not be budgeted for in the annual budget. This will not affect Crosswalk funds but just simplify the projected budget sheet.

The next council meeting was set for November 17 at 7PM and committee's to meet at 6:30PM. Gary moved to adjourn the meeting and Darin seconded. Thee meeting was adjourned and closed with the Lord's Prayer.

~ Tyler Wolken, Council Secretary

TREASURER'S REPORT			
As of 10/17/2021			
<u>Current Balances</u>		<u>Operating Expenses</u>	
General Fund	\$ 2,750.53	Available Cash	\$ 2,750.53
Benevolence	\$ 0.00	Remaining Bills	
<u>Designations</u>	<u>\$ 4,620.48</u>	Norris (est.)	\$ 300.00
Total	\$ 7,371.01	<u>Portico</u>	<u>\$ 2,545.57</u> <i>Due mid-November</i>
		Remaining Bal	\$ (95.04)
<u>Offering Summary</u>			
	August	September	October
Current	\$ 9,359.85	\$ 7,424.50	\$ 4,402.00
Benevolence	\$ 111.65	\$ 101.80	\$ 559.64
Designated Funds	<u>\$ 213.00</u>	<u>\$ 220.00</u>	<u>\$ 1,086.00</u>
Totals	\$ 9,684.50	\$ 7,746.30	\$ 6,047.64
			(partial month)
We need to receive \$10,000.47 in CURRENT each month in order to meet our budget for 2021.			



October Eunice Circle

Eunice Circle met on October 11, 2021 at 1:30pm. The Bible Study was led by Irene Gibson. The gift of the Spirit: a divine wild goose chase. Breath of God, reviver and reformer. In Celtic Spirituality, the Holy Spirit came to be symbolized by a wild goose – hard to capture, life-bringing, surprising and good.

Our study texts were from Genesis 21:4-9, Psalm 104:27-30, Ezekial 37:1 through 14, John 20:19-23, Acts 2:1-18.

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

Norma called our meeting to order. Minutes were read and approved. Three (3) members answered roll call.

Old Business: Faith Formation children will help fill school kit bags on Wednesday, September 15th, 4-5pm. Work Day will be September 28th.

New Business: Faith Formation children helped pack eighteen (18) school kit bags on Wednesday, September 15, from 4-5pm. Work Day is October 26th.

After Grace, Linda Behrends served refreshments.

Next Eunice Circle meeting will be November 8, 2021 at 1:30pm, November book. Norma Banahan will lead the Bible study.

~ Irene Gibson, Recorder

CLEAN OUT YOUR CLOSETS

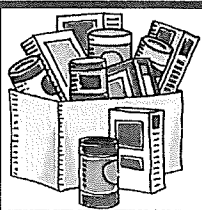
ANNUAL COAT DRIVE

The St. Paul Coat Drive has been extended to Thanksgiving. The community is being invited to join our efforts in collecting new or gently used winter wear such as coats, hats, hoodies, scarves, socks, gloves, and snowpants. All sizes are needed. Items will be distributed through the Coat Closet which is housed at the First Christian Church in Beatrice. All items are given out at NO COST. Before they are taken to Beatrice, there will be an opportunity for community members to select items they need to stay warm and safe during the upcoming season of snow and cold.



Contact Beth Roelfs @ 402-793-5556 or broelfs73@gmail.com if you have questions.

Please hang donations on the west side of the coat rack in the entry. Your gifts are appreciated!!



FEED THE HUNGRY

After a very successful food drive last year and still just as great of a need, WELCA is planning another community and church food drive during the month of November. There will be a box out front for your donations. We've set a goal of 200 items for this year to be given to the local food pantries, let's make it happen and bring a lot of comfort for those in need. Cash is also welcome to help fill out the needed items, any can be given to Jeanette Bures.

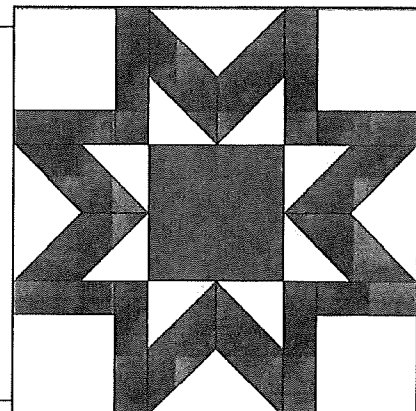
Mission Work Day

Once again it is time to box our quilts and kit ministry for Lutheran World Relief. Quilts will be boxed on Oct. 26, and taken to Omaha in November.

Our quilts and kits are urgently needed to care for neighbors in need and show them that even in their most trying times, they are not alone.

Our next work day will be November 23 and 30.

Thanks Be To God



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Women of the ELCA Thank Offering Service

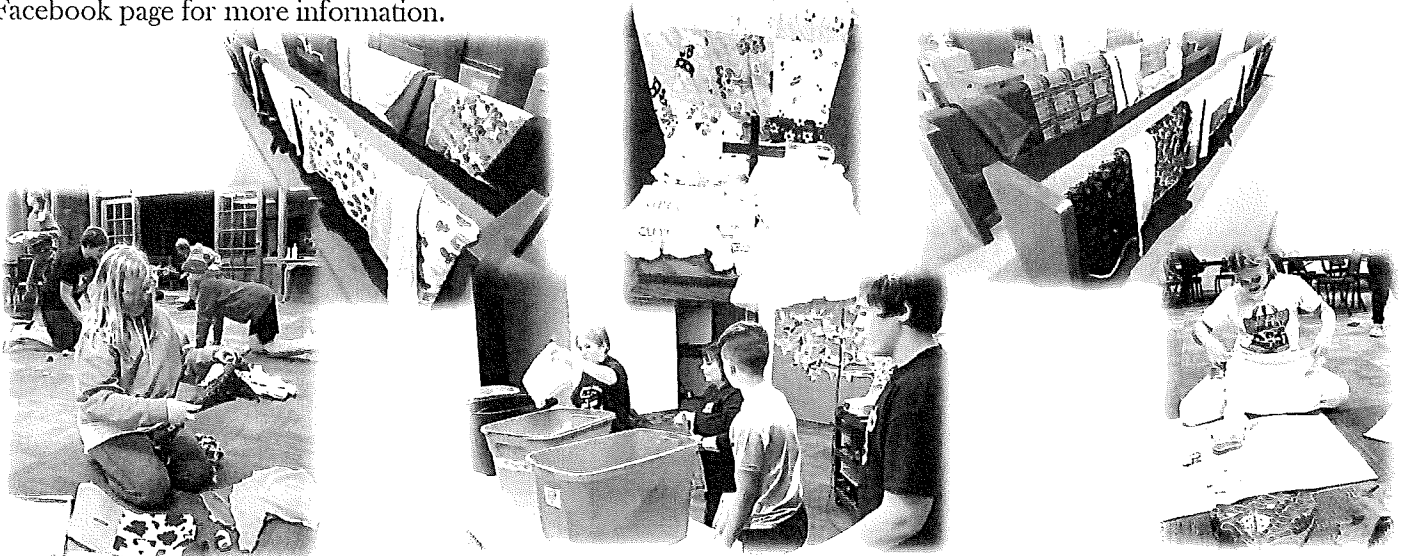
St. Paul Women of the ELCA will conduct their annual Thank Offering service during the morning worship hour on Sunday, November 21. Thankofferings are given to support the life-changing ministries of Women of the ELCA. Together, we do more than we could ever do apart.



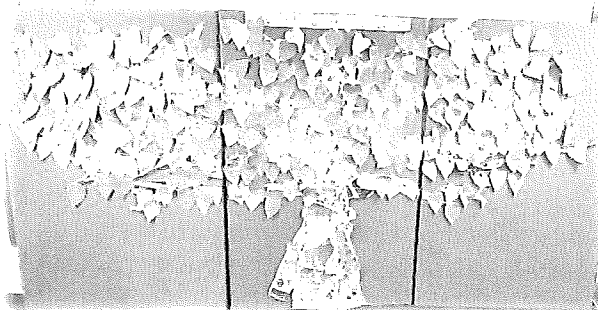
WELCA will have a unit meeting on November 3rd at 7:00 p.m. We will be making Care Packets for our college students again as a way of letting them know we are thinking of them. Linda Behrends will serve as hostess.

In the pictures below, the Confirmation students helped us assemble the baby care and school kits that will be sent through Lutheran World Relief in November. They were a great help and we enjoyed the time with the kids.

We also displayed some of the quilts and kits that were made this year at the front of the church at worship services on October 24th. We are fortunate to be able to do God's work by using our gifts to help others in need. A Mission Festival is planned for some time in November, please check the bulletin, website and our Facebook page for more information.



FRUITS OF THE SPIRIT Bloom at CrossWalk



A large and enthusiastic group of children fill St. Paul's each Wednesday to learn how the Fruits of the Spirit can grow in them. A large tree in the Christian Education room is blooming with hearts that display names and the spiritual fruits that have been explored: Joy, Love, Patience, Kindness, Peace and Goodness. The kids are discovering how these gifts can grow in them by connecting to God and the spirit through prayer, music, learning and fellowship.

The learning goal for the program this year is learning the books of the Bible. A special family celebration for Christmas is being planned along with a movie event for the congregation at the Bonham Theatre in Fairbury. Watch for more details.

~ Submitted by Beth Roelfs, photo by Kendra K Weers

Just Married

Isaac Roelfs, son of Jody and the late Neal Roelfs, and Emily Borrer were married on October 2nd in Beatrice. They reside in Exeter.

Matt Wiegand and Courtney Howard were married in Lincoln on October 16th. They make their home in Lincoln.

May God bless both couples with love and happiness.

Thank You, Veterans!

On November 7th, we will be recognizing members of our congregation who have served our country.

Thank you...

For your service
For your sacrifice
For Our Freedom!



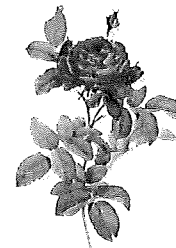
Honoring Our Veterans

Veterans Day has its roots in what was called Armistice Day, when a peace agreement ended World War I on November 11, 1918. President Wilson proclaimed that Armistice Day was to be marked with solemn pride in heroism and with gratitude for victory as well as the "opportunity it has given America to show her sympathy with peace and justice." In 1954, the remembrance was renamed Veterans Day to honor all U.S. military personnel. It's a reminder to pray for and honor all who serve and sacrifice, to support and assist their families, and to pray that God will bring peace on earth.

~ The Newsletter Newsletter, November 2021

Condolences to the family of Betty Damrow who passed away on October 21. Funeral services were held at St. Paul Lutheran on October 26th and officiated by Pastor Mark Liscom. She was interred at Prairie Home Cemetery near Diller.

We remember Franklin and the entire family in our prayers.



*Our Deepest
Sympathy*



Some of our congregational members have been in the hospital and/or suffered losses recently.

*Robbyn Roelfs, who had knee replacement surgery on October 20
The family of Betty Damrow, who passed away in October*

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:

Franklin Damrow, Cindy Bartlett and Linda Behrends

Trunk-or-Treat at St. Paul's

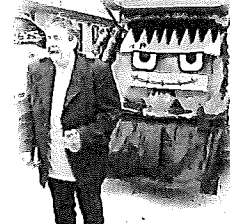
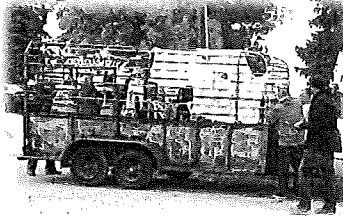
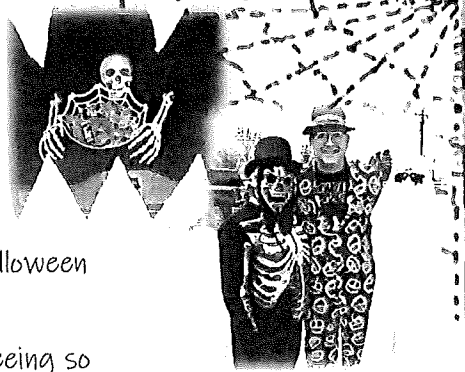
October 31, 2021

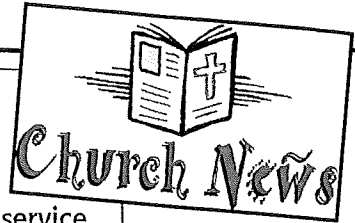
The Trunk or Treat at our church on Halloween
was SPOOK-tacular!!

It was a bit chilly, but we had a blast seeing so
many kids show up and so many great trunks this
year!

Best Trunk: Barnts Family
Best Dressed Host: Jane Pretzer

We look forward to seeing everyone again next year!

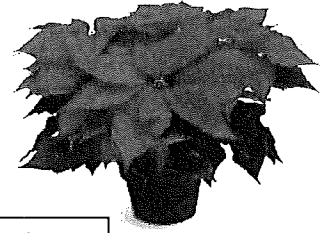




THANKSGIVING SERVICE

St. Paul Lutheran will once again host its annual Community Thanksgiving Worship Service on Wednesday evening, November 24 at 7pm. 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

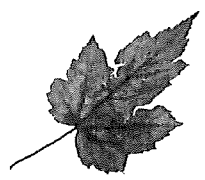
Christmas Caroling is anticipated to be on December 5th. PLEASE SAVE THE DATE!! More details will be on the Facebook page, website, or call a member of the Council and please check the updated calendar.



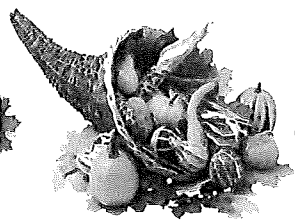
County Spelling Contestants

Congratulations to the Diller-Odell County Spelling Contest team.

The Griffins had 3 students place in the top 10 in the 5th through 8th grades. Students from our church on the team were Cale Clifford and Peyton Denner in the Junior High division, and Josie Hennerberg in the 5th and 6th grades. Congratulations on a great effort and showing from our school!



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!



November Birthdays

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|---------------------|----------------------|
| 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

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!

NOVEMBER



November 7 Sunday Worship Service With Holy Communion First Communion

All Saints Sunday and Memorial Dedication

Worship Assistant, Gary Bergmeier
Greeter, Dennis Nippert
Ushers – Chris Clifford, John Denner
Coffee Service – Marla Weichel, Ann Parde



November 14 Sunday Worship Service

Worship Assistant, David Henrichs
Greeter, Dean Pretzer
Ushers – Larry Germer, Jarrod Heidemann
Coffee Service – Cheryl Denner, Marlene Wolken

November 21 Sunday Worship Service Christ the King Sunday



Worship Assistant, Sherry Henrichs
Greeter, Charles Barber
Ushers – Dennis Hennerberg, Jamie Hennerberg
Coffee Service – Leatha Christ, Diane Wellsandt



November 28 Sunday Worship Service First Sunday in Advent Hanging of the Greens Service

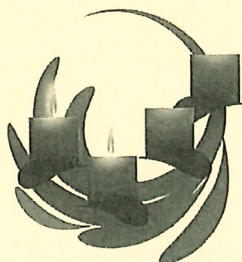
Worship Assistant, Jamie Schultis
Greeter, Gary Bergmeier
Ushers – David Henrichs, Joe Henrichs
Coffee Service – Peggy Hemphill, Shannon Stein



December

December 5 Sunday Worship Service With Holy Communion Second Sunday in Advent

Worship Assistant, Gary Bergmeier
Greeter, Jim Bures
Ushers – Chris Clifford, John Denner
Coffee Service – Marla Weichel, Ann Parde



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



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