

St. Paul's Newscaster



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“And regard the patience of the Lord as salvation” (2 Peter 3:4)

Are you saved? Not a question I usually ask! The reason of course is that for years I understood the term to mean something like whether or not I believed in God or not, or had somehow met the proper requirements. My only understanding of salvation was something like “saved from hell, so I could go to heaven. Salvation was mostly about the afterlife.

But consider how patient God must be with our world today as it suffers from every kind of craziness and injustice, endless war and haughty people who walk around like they're better than everyone else. How does God stand it? You would think at some point that our God would just lose all patience and call it quits on the whole situation.

The Hebrew word for salvation means “deliverance”. The Greek word implies “opening wide”. Stop for a minute and think. What happens when we lose our patience? And what would we be delivered from.....and what possibilities might open for us if “getting saved” meant receiving the power of the patience of God? What would this mean for us as parents, as drivers of automobiles, as church members, as members of the community? How much suffering would we be delivered from? How much strife? When you begin to think of the possibilities, it blows your mind.

“Love is patient” Paul writes in 1 Corinthians. Let's take seriously the notion that “getting saved” is more than going to heaven when you die. Salvation is coming into the presence of God with us. Patience stops us long enough to actually experience that God. God's blessings, as we learn to “regard the patience of the Lord as salvation”.

Pastor Mark

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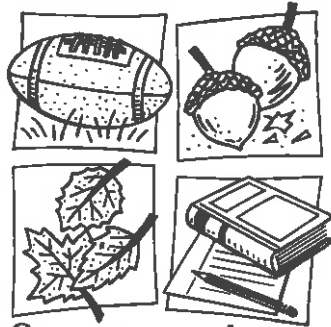
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September

Sponsoring our September Newscaster are

Franklin and Betty Damrow in Honor of their
69th Wedding Anniversary. Congratulations!!
and

Brian and Kendra K. Weers and girls in loving memory of
their mothers, Angie Weers and Imogene Cummins.

Thank you to both couples for serving as our sponsors.
It is greatly appreciated!!

Announcements and Upcoming Events

*Help
Wanted*

A fun, social, involved individual is wanted to be a part of the Newscaster Staff as the Personals coordinator. Please contact Kendra or Pastor Mark if you would like more information or to be a part of our church's Communication Resource.

We Want a Choir!! Some people have expressed an interest in having a church choir, so please contact Pastor Mark if you would like to be a part of this important ministry.



St. Paul Lutheran Church Council Minutes for August 17, 2016

Pastor Mark opened the meeting with prayer. Members present were Charles Barber, Marcy Barber, Scott Beran, Jamie Hennerberg, David Henrichs and Jean Schmidt.

Minutes from the July meeting were reviewed. Marcy moved to accept and Jamie seconded. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report

Current Balance \$2,892.76

All bills except the August Portico have been paid. The food stand funds from the Diller Picnic are expected soon, but the amount will be lower than usual. David moved to accept and Jean seconded. Motion passed.

Memorial Treasurer's Report

Current Balance \$14,260.05

Pastors Report

4 worship services, 1 Sunday School Teachers meeting, 1 Synod Justice Committee meeting, 1 Cluster meeting, 4 home communions, 1 Newscaster meeting, 3 pre-marital sessions, 1 prison visit and 4 other calls. No mileage. Summer sermons on 1 Corinthians continues. Time spent with reading and studies has been good.

Vice Chairman's Report

None

Committee Reports

- Music & Worship – considering possible use of screen with music during communion.
- Mutual Ministry – have a meeting planned for August 24.
- Property – plans to remove trees that need to be taken care of are progressing. Brett Landenberger will help.
- Christian Education – Family Rally Day with Sunday School Kickoff is being planned for Sunday, September 11 at the park. Plans are underway to invite community members to join our service and activities.

Old Business

None

New Business

- St. Paul Lutheran Church has been approached about a daycare purchasing or borrowing some of the smaller chairs used for Sunday School students. The council discussed the request and decided the church would approve the request: however, the council felt that the Sunday School should make the final decision based on need for the chairs. Scott made a motion to get approval from Sunday School and Charles seconded. Motion passed.
- Memorial committee had an order request for three (3) new albs at a cost of \$125 each. Dave will order them, and funds from Angie Weers's Memorial will pay for them.
- Fall Confirmation and Youth Group activities will be starting in the next couple of weeks.

The next meeting will be Wednesday, September 21st at 8:00. Charles moved to adjourn and Jean seconded. The meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer.

- Jean Schmidt, Council Secretary

TREASURER'S REPORT			
General Fund Balance as of 8/24/2016		\$ 2,892.76	
Bills Due by end of August:	July Portico	3,711.79	
	August Portico	<u>3,711.79</u>	
	TOTAL	\$7,423.58	
<i>Last Month: July</i>		<i>Current Month: August</i>	
Current	\$8,963.93	Current	\$4,595.80
Benevolence	1,008.00	Benevolence	435.19
World Hunger	200.00	World Hunger	0.00
Specials	<u>0.00</u>	Specials	<u>0.00</u>
TOTAL	\$ 10,171.93	TOTAL	\$ 5,030.99
We need \$11,763.97 in CURRENT per month to meet the 2016 budget.			



Study the Bible with us



Eunice Circle

Eunice Circle met on August 8, 2016 at 1:30pm. Our Bible Study was led by Norma Banahan. The Heart of the Matter – Reconciliation as New Creations – Treasure in Clay Jars. Conflict is an opportunity to engage in the ministry of reconciliation and to become new creations in the process. When we forgive, we become new creations, and we, in turn, restore and create resilient relationships. Our theme verse was from 2 Corinthians 5:17–19. The study text was from John 20:19–23 and 2 Corinthians 5:16–21.

We opened with prayer and Hymn, “How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds.” We closed with prayer and The Lord’s Prayer.

Norma called the meeting to order. Minutes were read and approved. Four (4) members answered roll call. Our offering was \$10.00.

Old Business: Work Day was July 26th. All help was appreciated.

New Business: WELCA Unit meeting August 17, 2016 at 7pm. School Kit supplies are still needed – please check the bulletin board. Work Days will be August 23rd and August 30th. Warren’s Community Table will be September 13th. After Grace, Betty Damrow served refreshments.

Next Eunice Circle meeting will be September 12, 2016 at 1:30pm, September book. Irene Gibson is study leader.

- Irene Gibson, Recorder

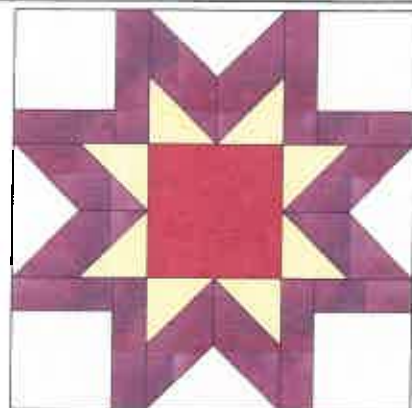
MISSION WORK DAY

Meeting August 23, several women assembled ten quilts. As always, hemming and preparing materials is done at home.

Some donations were received, ripping done, and we work again August 30. September 27 will be our last work quilting until we pack them for shipping in October. Then, they will be taken to Lincoln in November.

Other LWR projects are progressing as well. The needs everywhere are so great, it’s a joy to share our material goods and show love and caring to others. Consider joining in our efforts.

Thanks be to God!



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:

**Irene Pretzer, Loretta Barber, Bernice Ebbers, Toby Fritzen,
Kaye Schlake, Kay Taylor, Dylan Nippert,
Mallory Helton and Skylar Folkers.**



Wednesday, August 17, 2016

President Jane Pretzer opened with a Warm Welcome, expressing much Thanks and Appreciation to all those involved making many projects happen here at St Paul's including:

Beautiful landscaping of flowers to greet us.....Willing hands to organize and work our Diller Picnic Foodstand.
Devoted Work Group Leaders and volunteers to serve and provide food for Funeral Luncheons.
Volunteers and donations to prepare and serve Warren's Table Meal.....Dedicated Missionary & Service Volunteers,
who organize, gather, donate and assemble our School kits, Baby Care kits, Health kits and many Quilts.
Volunteers of our Card Projects.....Sunday Coffee makers....and those attending our meetings!

Pastor Mark lead Bible Study on "Witnessing and Community Service." As he does so well, Pastor brought us to the realization that witnessing in real everyday life is simple, but so hard for many of us when relating it to our faith and religious experiences. He pointed out that we tend to have preconceived rules about **how we think proper witnessing of our faith should be**. Pastor encouraged us to think about **how-keeping it simple** is much easier to take that step forward in sharing those experiences and moments with others- a true heartfelt witness.

Opening our business with WELCA's Statement of Purpose, minutes were read by Linda Beran and Carolyn Schultis gave a balance of \$544.66. Approximate funds of \$800 from Diller Picnic Food Stand and donations from funeral luncheons will bring balance up...therefore repayment of temporary loans from two individuals will be made. Jane presented bill for items donated to Nebraska WELCA Human Trafficking delivered by Pastor Mark to Synod Convention.

Committee Reports: Work Group and Kitchen--Funerals served.
Eunice Circle--Bags purchased for Backpack Project, Work on Baby Care & Health Kits continues.
Work Day--Aug 23 & 30, Progress on quilts continues.

New Business: Ardith Barber to purchase cloth diapers needed to complete Baby Care kits. Suggestion of tall faucet with spray for kitchen sink brought positive discussion for Ardith to price and get more information.

Co-Chairs--Cleo Henrichs and Betty Damrow are stepping back but will still collect funds for Warren's Table scheduled Sep 13th with Jeanette Bures, Jill Scheele, and the Youth Group volunteering to take on duties involved to organize, prepare, and serve this worthy outreach.

Autumn Renewal is Oct 8th at Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd-Hasting, NE. Theme "of many generations" the highlight will be a Style Show presented with mother-daughter, grandmother-grand daughter duos. Special themes include: Antique, sport, cultural, and vintage styles. Registration due Oct 1st Saved to Serve Project will be Nov 4-6th at York, NE packing 150,000 meals.

Monthly Card Schedule: September -- Joyce Lohodny
October -- Jeanette Bures
November -- Linda Beran
December -- Jane Pretzer

Next Unit Meeting will be Wed Nov 16th --Program by Eunice Circle. An offering of \$40.00 was collected. The Lord's Prayer was also offered before refreshments served by Robbyn Roelfs.

Jane's closing thought: A quote from Winston Churchill, **"We make a living by what we get.
We make a life by what we give."**

Respectfully submitted,
Robbyn Roelfs



Jesse and Shelly Smith welcomed home their son, Wyatt Alan Smith, born July 10, 2016.

Wyatt's grandparents are Doug and Cindy Lottman, and he is also the Great-Grandson of Virginia Lottman.

Congratulations on the birth of your little boy, and we welcome him to the church family!

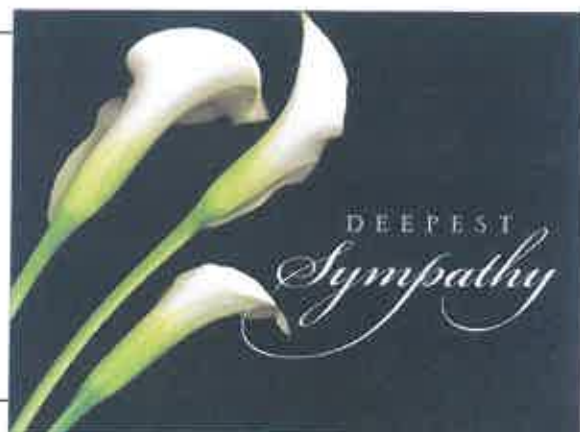


Kason Sasse, one of Riley and Sonia Sasse's infant twins, was recently at Children's Hospital in Omaha. He is now home and doing well.

Please keep Kason and his family in your prayers and for them to receive God's healing grace.

Our sympathy goes to the family of Loretta Barber who passed away at the end of August and her funeral services were held at St. Paul Lutheran on Saturday, August 27 with Pastor Mark Liscom officiating.

Please keep her family in your thoughts and prayers.



School Kits Project



Donated items are being taken for the Women of the ELCA School Kits project. If you would like to donate items for the project, a sheet has been posted on the WELCA bulletin board in the Fellowship area listing items still needed. Please check the list and help out with this very worthwhile project.

Come one, come all!
The entire community is invited to

Worship in the Park
and our
Sunday School Kickoff
and **Family Fun day** on

Sunday, September 11, 2016
beginning at **9:30am.**

Please come and join us for worship, fellowship,
fun, games and **FOOD!**
See you there!



SUNDAY SCHOOL SCHEDULE

Fall 2016

The lessons will be from the "Book of Moses" curriculum.
Teachers, if you cannot teach on your scheduled day, please
switch with someone to cover the lesson.



Lesson	Date	Teacher	Teacher	Leader
1	8/21/2016	Kristen Heidemann	Cheryl	Cheryl
2	8/28/2016	Kristen Heidemann	Brian	Kristen
	9/4/2016	Labor Day	NO SUNDAY SCHOOL	
	9/11/2016	Sunday School Rally	NO SUNDAY SCHOOL	
3	9/18/2016	Sheri/Jamie	Kristen Hennerberg	Sheri/Jamie
4	9/25/2016	Angie	Ann	Angie
5	10/2/2016	Cheryl	Beth	Cheryl
6	10/9/2016	Angie	Kristen Hennerberg	Angie
7	10/16/2016	Cheryl	Ann	Cheryl
8	10/23/2016	Cheryl	Beth	Cheryl
9	10/30/2016	Sheri/Jamie	Kristen Hennerberg	Sheri/Jamie
10	11/6/2016	Angie	Darin	Angie
11	11/13/2016	Sheri/Jamie	Brian	Sheri/Jamie
12	11/20/2016	Kristen Heidemann	Darin	Kristen Heidemann
	11/27/2016	Christmas Program	Practice Begins	

HEAVENLY VISION

Known as the “queen of gospel song writers,” Fanny Crosby (1820-1915) wrote more than 9,000 Christian hymns, including “Blessed Assurance” and “Safe in the Arms of Jesus.” Blind from a young age, she developed a love for poetry and Scripture, memorizing about five chapters of the Bible each week. Crosby was the first woman to speak in the U.S. Senate, lobbying to support education for the blind. She also was an abolitionist who made friends with several presidents.

A well-meaning pastor once told Crosby, “It is a great pity that the Master did not give you sight when he showered so many other gifts upon you.”

She responded that her blindness was a blessing she wouldn’t wish away. “When I get to heaven,” Crosby said, “the first face that shall ever gladden my sight will be that of my Savior.”

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HAPPY ANNIVERSARY



September Wedding Anniversaries

September 1, 1967

☞ Mr. & Mrs. Jim Bures

September 7, 1947

☞ Mr. & Mrs. Franklin Damrow

September 5, 2010

☞ Mr. & Mrs. Scott Beran

September 29, 1968

☞ Mr. & Mrs. David Lottman

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

September Birthdays



1 Gail Engelman
 1 Cassandra Lottman
 4 Jackie Smith
 5 Riley Sasse
 6 Cathy Lyons
 7 Jamie Schultis
 8 Tim Scheele
 9 Betty Damrow
 10 Guilford Wiemers
 10 Andrew Graves
 11 Shawn Lottman
 11 Aubrey Roelfs

12 Clayton Spilker
 12 Draedyn Sasse
 13 Richard Schnuelle
 14 Norman Balderson
 14 Ryan Nippert
 14 Reid Rallis
 16 Charles Barber
 16 Cheryl Denner
 17 Cindy Bartlett
 17 B.J. Stein
 17 Shannon Stein

18 Robbyn Roelfs
 19 Kelsay Schlichtman
 20 Hollie Crawford
 21 Angie Clifford
 23 Ann Parde
 23 Christopher Schmidt
 25 Alexis Parde
 25 Tori Smith
 26 Kay Taylor
 26 Kevin Sasse
 26 Matthew Nippert
 27 David Lottman



**September 4 Sunday Worship Service
With Holy Communion**

**Worship Assistant, David Henrichs
Greeter, Jim Damrow**

**September 11 Sunday Worship Service
Worship in the Park**

Worship Assistant, Jamie Schultis

**September 18 Sunday Worship Service
Worship Assistant, Brian Weers
Greeter, Dennis Nippert**

**September 25 Sunday Worship Service
Worship Assistant, Youth Group
Greeter, Youth Group**



**September 4 Sunday Worship Service
With Holy Communion**

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



**Charles Barber Dale Beran
Melvin Beran Scott Beran**

**Gary Bergmeier Jim Bures
Chris Clifford Franklin Damrow**

**Jim Damrow John Denner
Jeremy Engelman Larry Germer**

Youth Group

**Jarrold Heidemann Steve Hemphill
Dennis Hennerberg Jamie Hennerberg**



Addison Heidemann

None

Mallory Denner

Brianna Weers

Jadyn Schultis



**Children's
Sermon**

Pastor Mark

**Kristen
Heidemann**

**Cheryl
Denner**

Youth Group

Pastor Mark



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

**Cindy Lottman
Shelly Smith**

**Marla Weichel
Cleo Perkins**

**Jeanette Hennerberg
Kristen Hennerberg**

**Leatha Christ
Donna Damrow**

**Jeanette Bures
Jill Scheele**

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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
First Communion Sunday, October 2				1	2	3
<p><i>Red Hymnal</i> 4 Worship Service 9:30 AM NO SUNDAY SCHOOL</p>	5  <i>LABOR Day</i>	6	7 Confirmation <i>Parents ONLY</i> 7:00pm	8	9	10
 11 9:30 AM Worship In The Park SUNDAY SCHOOL KICKOFF AND CELEBRATION Youth Movie Night 6:30 at Parsonage	12 <i>Eunice Circle</i> 1:30pm	13 WARREN'S COMMUNITY TABLE Served by Youth	14 Confirmation Service Project 7:00pm	15	16	17
<p><i>Red Hymnal</i> 18 Worship Service 9:30 AM and Confirmation SUNDAY SCHOOL 10:30 AM Confirmation Class After worship at Parsonage</p>	19	20	21 Council Meeting 8:00pm	22	23	24 First Communion and Acolyte Class 10:00am-Noon
<p><i>Blue Hymnal</i> 25 <i>Youth-Led</i> Worship Service 9:30 AM SUNDAY SCHOOL 10:30 AM Youth Meeting 6:30 at Parsonage <i>Newscaster items due</i></p>	26	27 <i>Work Day</i> All Day	28 Confirmation 7:00 pm	29	30 WELCA AUTUMN RENEWAL REGISTRATION DUE	



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