

# St. Paul Newscaster



Published monthly in the interest of  
St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church  
Diller, Nebraska

**Our Mission**

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

**November 2019**  
*Pastor Mark Liscom*

## The First Thing I Want To Do Is Pray (1 Timothy 1:1)

The subject of prayer is interesting indeed. I think everyone would acknowledge that prayer is at least a good thing. But still, even in the church, too much of an emphasis on prayer can make people nervous, or even irritated. Prayer can be understood as "sitting around praying" when you should be doing something that's real work.

But here's the deal. If you take prayer seriously as a way to connect to God, you will soon discover that it's some of the hardest work you will ever do. It's not easy to clear away all the distractions, and then learn to distinguish the voice of God from all the clutter that whirls around in your mind and heart. It can be hard enough to even take time for it at all!

As rural Nebraskans, the meaning of prayer should come naturally. For hard work is understood to have the high value and purpose of forming character. Prayer is the same. It is the primary way of forming us into the people we were meant to be. As Dallas Willard states, "this high calling also explains why prayer frequently requires much effort, continuous effort, and on some matters possibly years and years of effort."

It's not a matter of earning anything. This isn't about earning God's approval or gaining status. It's not a stress fest either. But it is about growing in the relationship that God has established with you. And like any relationship, it doesn't just happen. You have to work at it.

So....the first thing I want you to do is pray. (1 Timothy 1:1)

*Pastor Mark*

# NEWS LETTER

STARTS

Editor: Kendra K. Weers

Typists: Kendra K. Weers and Jane Pretzer Calendar: Kendra K. Weers

Assembly: Kendra K. Weers

## Newscaster Reporters

Church Council – Tyler Wolken Treasurer – Allen Roelfs

WELCA – Linda Behrends and Robbyn Roelfs Eunice Circle – Irene Gibson

Work Day – Carolyn Schultis

Christian Education and VBS – Kristen Hennerberg, Kristen Heidemann and Sheri Schultis

Youth News – Jady Schultis, Skylar Pretzer, Brianna Weers and Neleigh Weers

Worship Committee – Council Mutual Ministry Committee - Council

Birthdays & Anniversaries – Judy DeBoer & Jane Pretzer

WELCA Coffee List – Elizabeth Roelfs

Acolyte List – Pastor Mark Liscom & Kendra K Weers

Worship Assistants & Ushers Lists – Sherry Henrichs

## Sponsors

Our November Newscaster sponsors are:

*Dennis and Deb Nippert*

*In Honor of Our Anniversary*

*and*

*Brian and Kendra K Weers*

*In Honor of our Family and Thanksgiving*

*We thank you all for your sponsorship and support.*

*Please note that the sign-up sheet for 2020 sponsors is up and many sponsorships are available.*

*Please consider sponsoring a Newscaster to continue providing this communication tool to the members of the congregation.*



## **Please take note of the dates of events that are happening with the Church this month:**

- Friday, Nov 1 - All Saints Day
- Sunday, Nov 3 - Daylight Savings Time Begins; Communion; All Saints and Dedication Sunday
- Wednesday, Nov 6 - Cross Walk; Confirmation Parents' Night; Women of the ELCA Unit Meeting
- Sunday, Nov 10 - New Member Welcome and Veterans Recognition; Youth Movie Night
- Monday, Nov 11 - Veteran's Day; Eunice Circle
- Wednesday, Nov 13 - Cross Walk; Confirmation
- Sunday, Nov 17 - Mission Festival and Potluck
- Wednesday, Nov 20 - Cross Walk; Committees and Council Meetings; **Newscaster Items Due**
- Sunday, Nov 24 - Christ the King Sunday; Youth-Led Worship; WELCA ThankOffering Service; Youth Meeting (evening)
- Tuesday, Nov 26 - Mission Work Day
- Wednesday, Nov 27 - Confirmation; Thanksgiving Worship Service
- Thursday, Nov 28 - Thanksgiving - Office Closed
- Sunday, Dec 1 - First Sunday in Advent; Communion; Hanging of the Greens Service; Caroling  
(Check calendar)



## St. Paul Lutheran Church Council Minutes for October 16, 2019

Jamie called the meeting to order. Members present were Pastor Mark, Jamie Schultis, Allen Roelfs, Melvin Beran, Darin Weers, and Tyler Wolken. Charles Barber volunteered to fill the vacant spot on council til the annual meeting in January. Allen moved to accept Charles as the new council member and Tyler seconded. Motion passed. Ardith Barber was a guest speaker. Ardith gave the council a proposal/recommendation about the funeral serving policy. In her proposal she asked council's blessing if the church could host lunches after funerals instead of using the community building. This would save on cost, time, and transport. The church is capable of holding 200 people. Anything over will be hosted at the community building. Families are still responsible for paying for the meat/cheese/bread for luncheon. It was also proposed charging \$1.00/plate for families who are friends of the church (non members). I.e. if 230 people are served they would be charged \$230.00 plus the cost of sandwich supplies. The council thought this was fair. If you have any questions on the new funeral policy changes please contact Ardith Barber or any of the women ELCA board. Lastly, Ardith asked about removing the storage room (table/chair room) and the nursery room to make a larger space for gatherings and other possible events. The council read over the minutes from September. Allen moved to accept the minutes and Jamie seconded. Minutes approved.

### Treasurer's Report

St. Paul did receive the \$1000 grant to help kickstart our new youth Crosswalk program. These funds are available and can be used to pay for educational materials, snacks, activities, etc. Allen reported that the current balance in the account is \$3,418.26. Norris and Solution One still need to be paid. Allen wants to thank the congregation for their continued support and generous giving! Charles moved to accept the treasurer's report and Tyler seconded. Motion passed.

### Memorial Treasurer's Report

Darin reported that the balance in the account is \$13,322.60. Now with the account switched to Odell State Bank the account has accrued \$2.26 in interest. Darin also reported that the Memorial Endowment Fund had accrued \$155.31 for this quarter and \$2,310.73 for the year. Bringing the total in this fund to \$19,881.67. Jamie moved to accept the memorial treasurer's report. Melvin seconded. Motion passed.

### Pastor's Report

4 worship service, 2 youth meetings, 1 youth frisbee golf tournament, 2 confirmation classes, 2 confirmation make up classes, 3 premarital sessions, 1 funeral, 1 Nebraska Synod Theological Conference, 3 hospital calls, 1 drinking from the well webinar, 1 drinking from the well group session, 1 Christian Ed. Meeting, 1 meeting with spiritual director, 3 text studies, 1 cluster meeting, 5 home communions, 1 new member meeting, 3 Crosswalk events, and 3 other calls.

~ Pastor brought up having new member Sunday. Council decided having it on Sunday, November 10<sup>th</sup>. There will be a potluck to follow. The Congregation is encouraged to bring a dish of your choice. If you know of anyone that wants to become a member, please talk with Pastor Mark.

~ November 17<sup>th</sup> is Mission Festival Sunday.

~ Pastor Mark is working on getting a date set for the Faith Formation group. The group is looking to meet Sunday mornings at 8:45AM for 30 minutes every week. Look to see this start soon!

~ Pastor Mark is looking to have another interactive sermon October 27<sup>th</sup>.

~ Jill Bergmeier is looking at starting a women's bible study group. Expected to start after the first of the year. Contact Jill for further details.

### Vice Chairman's Report

Jamie wanted to give thanks to Brian Weers, Doug Schmidt, and Pastor for helping install the new LED light bulbs in the front of the church. Thanks to all of the volunteers and helpers who have helped kickstart the Crosswalk program and make it a huge success. Crosswalk is still seeking volunteers to help with snacks, teach, and help with activities. Please consider being a part of this growing program.

### Committee Reports

**Christian Education-** Crosswalk started October 2 and had a great turnout of 17 youth. 22 the second week and 21 the third week. This group will be looking to Diller Foundation for another grant to help fund Crosswalk and Vacation Bible School.

**Memorial-** Hartig Electric misquoted us for the lighting project, which put a hold on moving forward. This committee is now looking into other lighting solutions.

**Community and Outreach-** This committee discussed the Crosswalk program a little bit and are still needing some help/volunteers to step in and help where they can. The committee is also seeking new door greeters for Sunday mornings. If you'd like to help, please talk with council rep. Jamie. The church will have the display of quilts (Quilt Sunday) on October 27<sup>th</sup>. On display will also be the baby care kits.

**Music and Worship-** All Saint Sunday is November 3<sup>rd</sup>. This day we will be holding a candle lighting ceremony in remembrance of anyone that has lost a loved one. November 10<sup>th</sup> is Veterans and New Member Sunday. There will be a potluck to follow. Thanksgiving service is November 24<sup>th</sup>. The choir is planning on singing this day. Look for practice updates in the news bulletins.

**Nominating-** Allen and Charles are on this committee and will be seeking replacements for their spot on council. Please consider applying and being a leader for St. Paul's.

### Old Business


Allen had brought up again finding an insurance plan for Pastor Mark. Allen had checked the open market and still felt Portico offered the best options. The council viewed the available plans and felt the Gold Plus Plan was the best. Allen moved to go forward with using the Portico GPP. Darin seconded. Motion passed.

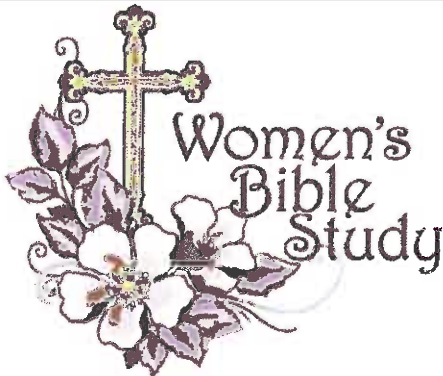
### New Business

- ~ Jamie brought up that the roof on the parsonage had some hail damage. Council will look into if insurance will cover it.
- ~ Jamie will be meeting with Doug Lottman to discuss the cracked sidewalk that Schoen's roofing left the first time they replaced the roof. We will have Lottman/Carpenter Construction replace it, but Schoen's has agreed to pay for the repair.
- ~ Since Charles Barber is now serving on Council, he cannot serve as the auditor for the church. Council will be seeking a replacement for Charles very shortly.
- ~ Allen is looking to have handbook made for all the Council members

The next church council meeting will be held November 20<sup>th</sup>. Committee groups are encouraged to meet at 6:30PM and Council will meet at 7:30. Allen made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Tyler seconded. Motion passed. The meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer.

~ Tyler Wolken, Council Secretary

TREASURER'S REPORT			
<b>General Fund Balance as of 10/22/2019</b>		<b>\$ 5,612.86</b>	
Bills Due by end of October:	Norris Public Power	\$ 275.00	
	Solution One	<u>138.09</u>	
	Total	<b>\$ 413.09</b>	
<b>September/October</b>			
<i>Last Month: September</i>		<i>Current Month: October</i>	
Current	\$ 9,146.80	Current	\$ 4,621.60
Benevolence	492.95	Benevolence	185.40
World Hunger	25.00	World Hunger	20.00
Specials	<u>1,035.00</u>	Specials	<u>70.00</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 10,699.75</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 4,897.00</b>
<b>We need \$10,111.21 in CURRENT per month to meet the 2019 budget.</b>			



### **Eunice Circle**

Eunice Circle met on October 14, 2019 at 1:30pm. Our Bible Study was led by Irene Gibson. "No Hard Feelings?" The ache of grief. By lamenting together, the writers of the Old Testament create space for hope.

Our study texts were from Lamentations 2:10-22 and 5:19-22, Psalm 25:12-22, Psalm 77 and Psalm 126.

We opened with prayer and Hymn, "How Long, O Lord." We closed with a prayer and Hymn, "Lift Every Voice and Sing" and The Lord's Prayer.

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

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

New Business: Work Days are October 22<sup>nd</sup> to pack quilts. Volunteers are needed for Cross Walk. After Grace, Marla Weichel served refreshments.

Next Eunice Circle meeting will be November 11, 2019 at 1:30pm, November book. Linda Behrends will lead the Bible Study.

~ Irene Gibson, Recorder



LWR MISSION  
QUILTS & KITS

## Mission Work Day Lutheran World Relief Projects Dedicated

On October 27<sup>th</sup>, the dedication service for all the Lutheran World Relief Projects was held during worship.

Our Lutheran World Relief Quilts and Kits are boxed and ready for delivery. We have 65 quilts, 12 Personal Care Kits, 50 School Kits and 48 Baby Care Kits. These gifts are welcomed comfort to those in need.

We thank everyone for your generous donations and time, it's a work of our hearts and hands and a blessing to people in need around the world.

*Thanks Be To God*



## November – December WELCA Activities

November 6, 2018 (Wednesday) 7:00 p.m.  
Unit WELCA Meeting

November 24, 2018 (Sunday)  
ThankOffering Service during our  
Morning Worship Hour

December 1, 2018 (Sunday)  
Hanging of the Greens during  
Morning Worship Hour





*On Sunday, October 6, First Communion was held during the worship service.*

*One new Confirmation student and his family came forward to participate in their first sacrament of Holy Communion. Congratulations to Peyton Denner as he begins his Confirmation journey and give thanks to God who sent his son to bring us into a relationship of love with one another.*



The Confirmation class has been busy this year with service projects and classes. They have played BINGO at Gardenside Nursing Home with the residents and had a very fun Halloween Party at MOSAIC in Beatrice. They are a lively bunch that are enjoying learning about our church and developing a relationship with God. There has been talk about renewing the sponsorship program for Confirmation students. Please let Ardie Barber know if you are interested in sponsoring a member of the Confirmation Program.

Our Youth led the worship service on October 27. Worship Assistant was Jadyne Schultis. There was no Children's Sermon. The first scripture was read by Mallory Denner and the second scripture was read by Brianna Weers. The Gospel was ready by Pastor Mark before leading a dialogue-style sermon where together we wrestle with our lesson for today, the parable of the Pharisee and the Tax Collector. The opening question will be to "Think about all the ways that we divide the world into "us" and "them". Ushers were Esdon Weers, Skylar Pretzer and Mallory Denner.



The youth meeting was held immediately after church at the parsonage.

The Youth have been busy this year doing some fellowship activities. After "Frolfing" in September, on October 13, the youth went bowling in Marysville. A fun time was had by all!!

## CROSS WALK: Connect to the Power of God



Cross walk, our Wednesday after school Christian youth education program, is going great. We have 21 to 22 youth that have been attending.

Extra help is always appreciated. To help with snacks, contact Jane Pretzer or Ardie Barber. To help teach or to lend a hand, contact Beth Roelfs, Kristen Hennerberg, Kristen Heidemann or Sheri Schultis. Come be a part of this amazing program and the future of our church!!



## CANDLELIGHT MEMORIAL SERVICE

*November 3<sup>rd</sup> is All Saints Sunday. We invite everyone to come and light a candle in memory of a loved one they've lost.*



### UNIT MEETING NOVEMBER 6

The WELCA Unit Meeting will be November 6<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m., please note, **this is a change from the original date and time. We have some important things to discuss concerning whether WELCA will continue as is and we need everyone's input.**

WELCA includes all women of the congregation, please try to come.

### Thank You, Veterans!

On November 10<sup>th</sup>, we will be recognizing members of our congregation who have served our country.

Thank you...

For your service  
For your sacrifice  
For Our Freedom!



### MISSION FESTIVAL November 17

Mission Festival will be November 17<sup>th</sup>. Our guest speaker will be Paul Yates from the organization "I've Got A Name". This organization's mission is to raise awareness and resources to fight sex trafficking where we live in Nebraska.



This is a current and relevant problem that affects everyone. Please plan to attend. There will be a potluck dinner following our service.

### 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 24. Thankofferings are given to support the life-changing ministries of Women of the ELCA. Together, we do more than we could ever do apart.



*Jim Bures had heart bypass surgery and is now home and recovering. Please remember him in your prayers as he recovers and heals.*

*Please also 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.*

## THANKSGIVING SERVICE



St. Paul Lutheran will once again host its annual Community Thanksgiving Worship Service on Wednesday evening, November 27 at 7:30pm.

All are welcome and encouraged to attend this special service.



## CAROLING

*Christmas Poinsettias will be available through the Church if ordered by December 8. When prices are available, a sign-up sheet will be in the Narthex.*



Christmas Caroling is anticipated to be on December 1<sup>st</sup>.  
**PLEASE SAVE THE DATE!!**  
More details will be in the upcoming bulletins and December Newscaster, please check the updated calendar.



## County Spelling Contestants

Congratulations to the Diller-Odell County Spelling Contest team. The Griffins had 2 students place in the top 10 and Joely Weers achieved fourth place in the Junior High division and will compete at the Regional Competition in the spring. Students from our church on the team were Zachary Warren and David Parde in 8<sup>th</sup> Grade, Joely Weers in 7<sup>th</sup> Grade, Peyton Denner in 6<sup>th</sup> Grade and Cale Clifford in 5<sup>th</sup> grade.



## November Birthdays

- |                       |                      |
|-----------------------|----------------------|
| 1 Judy Landenberger   | 13 Donna Damrow      |
| 1 Jordan Langenberg   | 13 Katelin White     |
| 2 Myleigh Weers       | 18 Michael Wellsandt |
| 5 Danielle Reeson     | 22 Leana Lottman     |
| 6 Neil Meyer          | 23 Brenda Engelman   |
| 6 Brianna Weers       | 25 Dennis Schmidt    |
| 8 Linda Garcia        | 25 Colby Bartlett    |
| 8 Rhonda Balderson    | 26 Russell Schultis  |
| 9 Howard Behrends     | 26 Diane Wellsandt   |
| 9 Leatha Christ       | 28 Deborah Nippert   |
| 10 Sharon Lottman     | 28 Jacob Langenberg  |
| 11 Susan Lawton       | 30 Kelsey Engelman   |
| 12 Phyllis Schierkolk | 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





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

**November 10 Sunday Worship Service**  
 Worship Assistant, Cheryl Denner  
 Greeter, Dennis Nippert

**November 17 Sunday Worship Service**  
 Worship Assistant, David Henrichs  
 Greeter, Dean Pretzer

**November 24 Sunday Worship Service**  
 Worship Assistant, Youth Group  
 Greeter, Youth Group

**November 27 Thanksgiving Eve**  
**Worship Service**  
 Greeter, Jim Damrow



**December 1 Sunday Worship Service**  
**With Holy Communion**  
 Worship Assistant, Sherry Henrichs  
 Greeter, Dennis Nippert



Charles Barber Dale Beran  
 Melvin Beran Scott Beran

Gary Bergmeier  
 Chris Clifford Jim Damrow

John Denner Larry Germer  
 Jarrod Heidemann Steve Hemphill

Youth Group

Jamie Hennerberg  
 Dennis Hennerberg  
 David Henrichs



Myleigh Weers

David Parde

Brennan Schultis

Myleigh Weers

Kellan Schlichtman  
 Peyton Denner



Children's  
 Sermon

Pastor Mark

Sheri  
 Schultis

Kristen  
 Heidemann

Youth Group

Pastor Mark



Kendra S Weers  
 Diane Wellsandt

Barb Sasse  
 Tara Sasse

Marla Weichel  
 Marcy Barber

Jill Scheele  
 Michelle Engelman  
 Youth Group

Peggy Hemphill  
 Cindy Lottman

# November 2019



[www.stpauldiller.com](http://www.stpauldiller.com)

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
<p>☀ Please check the weekly bulletin ☀ or website for schedule changes or additions. Some information was not available at press time.</p>					<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>
 <p><b>FALL BACK</b> DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME BEGINS <b>3</b> ALL SAINTS SUNDAY DEDICATION SUNDAY Red Hymnal Worship Service 9:30 AM Holy Communion</p>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<p>Women of the ELCA <b>6</b> Unit Meeting 1pm <b>CROSS WALK</b> Christlan Ed 4:00pm Confirmation Parents' Night 7:00pm</p>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>
<p>Blue Hymnal <b>10</b> Worship Service 9:30 AM New Members and Veterans Recognition Youth Movie Night 6:30 at Parsonage</p>	<p>Eunice <b>11</b> Circle 1:30pm  VETERAN'S DAY</p>	<b>12</b>	<p><b>13</b> <b>CROSS WALK</b> Christlan Ed 4:00pm Confirmation 7pm</p>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>
<p>Red Hymnal <b>17</b> Worship Service 9:30 AM <b>MISSION FESTIVAL</b> Potluck Dinner Following Worship</p>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<p>Committees/ Council Meetings 6:30/7:30 pm <b>20</b> <b>CROSS WALK</b> Christlan Ed 4:00pm <i>Newscaster items due</i></p>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>
<p>Blue Hymnal <b>24</b> Youth-Led Worship Service 9:30 AM  WELCA ThankOffering Service Youth Meeting 630pm at Parsonage</p>	<b>25</b>	<p><b>26</b> <b>Work Day</b> All Day</p>	<p><b>27</b> CONFIRMATION 7pm <b>Thanksgiving Service</b> 7:30pm</p>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>
				 Thanksgiving Office Closed		



St. Paul Lutheran Church  
PO Box 37  
Diller, NE 68342