

# St. Paul Newscaster



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## Knowing God's Will

One of the more fascinating aspects of the spiritual life is this whole business of "God's will" and knowing God's will. People have a real desire to know God's will, and if you claim to "Know how to know" God's will, you will probably have a pretty good crowd that night.

There are a few problems however, with this whole business of "knowing God's will". The main problem is that people usually want God to simply tell them what to do. I know I've prayed that prayer many times. God just tell me what it is your will for me to do.

It would be nice if the spiritual life worked that way. But it really doesn't. And the reason is that wanting God to "tell you what to do" is usually a way of avoiding the hard decisions and difficult choices that life brings to us. After all, if you can say, "God told me", you're off the hook!

Or consider this: What if you were a parent and your child came to you all the time asking to be told what to do? You would eventually realize that your child needed to get out on their own and try some things, make a few mistakes maybe, in order to learn how to become a strong and confident person.

I think we can come to know God's will over time. But it's not God's will for us to be robots. I think we can say that it is God's will that we become strong and confident. People who can take risks and be creative because we are assured that no matter what happens, we are safe in his Grace.

So often, when we ask God to tell us tell us his will, the answer I think is simply this: What's **your** will? What do **you** want? Now we're getting somewhere in the spiritual life.

*Pastor Mark*

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# St. Paul Lutheran Church Council Minutes for February 17, 2019

Members present were returning members, Pastor Mark, Allen Roelfs, Melvin Beran, Jamie Schultis, Cindy Lottman, Dave Henrichs, and Jean Schmidt and new members Darin Weers and Tyler Wolken.

Pastor opened the meeting with a prayer. Jamie Schultis made a motion to approve the minutes and Allen Roelfs seconded. Motion passed.

## TREASURER'S REPORT

Allen Roelfs reported that the balance is \$13,755.19. Allen mentioned that the church is doing quite well and that the church is receiving much needed and generous donations for the congregation. Portico has been paid as well as Pastor Mark's salary. All bills will be paid by the end of the end of the month, which include Norris and Solution One. Cindy Lottman moved to accept and seconded by Jean Schmidt. Motion passed.

## MEMORIAL TREASURER'S REPORT

Jamie Schultis reported that the current balance of the account is \$13,321.90. As of lately, there has been no new activity. Allen Roelfs moved to approve and Melvin Beran seconded. Motion passed.

## PASTOR'S REPORT

- No mileage was reported due to late meeting notice. (Mileage will be reported to council as soon as possible)
- Pastor reported on his retreat to Arizona. Pastor Mark briefly discussed his time at the retreat. He shared some of highs and lows of the trip with the council. Since the meeting was scheduled shortly after Pastor's return, a more detailed summary will be talked about at next meeting.
- Allen Roelfs moved to approve the report and Jamie Schultis seconded. Motion passed.

## COMMITTEE REPORT

No Reports.

## OLD BUSINESS

- Council had been researching and discussing who would help lead the church's vision team. The council decided upon Sonnie Richarson. Sonnie was the former program director at Camp Carol Joy Holling. Sonnie is now the Deacon/Director of Discipleship at First Lutheran Church in Lincoln. She will be the chairman of the vision team and help oversee and provide guidance and support for the team. The council will contact Sonnie to set up a meeting time that will work for her and the vision team.
- The transformational committee went back to Lincoln (January 26). The committee decided to attend the Step 1 session again as they felt it could help them in gaining a better outlook on the steps needed to develop the vision team and other congregational aspects. Allen made the point that there may be a need to reset and reorganize the committee. It was discussed that the name of the program may need to be changed to something other than "Transformational". This committee will be revised and revisited at the next meeting.
- Council continued discuss the pros and cons of moving accounts from the current bank in Fairbury to the State Bank of Odell. Discussion at the meeting was positive. Allen Roelfs moved to table the discussion until next month and Melvin Beran seconded the motion. Motion passed.

## NEW BUSINESS

- Council officers were selected: Vice-Chair, Jamie Schultis; Secretary, Tyler Wolken; Treasurer, Allen Roelfs; Recording Secretary, Melvin Beran; Financial Secretary, Cindy Lottman; Memorial Treasurer, Darin Weers.
- Council committee representatives were selected: Nominating, Allen Roelfs and Cindy Lottman; Music & Worship, Jamie Schultis; Food Stand, Allen Roelfs; Christian Education, Cindy Lottman; Property, Melvin Beran and Tyler Wolken; Memorial, Darin Weers; Transformational Ministry, Allen Roelfs.
- Council approved having meals before the Lenten services again this year. Council will make and set out a sign-up sheet for all congregational groups to sign up with the day they prefer to host. Church Council decided to host the first Lenten service, which will be March 13, 2019 at 6:30pm followed by the service. The council divided its tasks amongst the group.
- Cindy Lottman asked for a volunteer to be a backup for Kendra Weers for collecting the offering. Melvin Beran volunteered.

The next council meeting was set for Tuesday, March 19, at 6pm. The meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer. Darin Weers made the motion to adjourn and Allen seconded. Motion passed.

*- Tyler Wolken, Council Secretary*

### TREASURER'S REPORT

**General Fund Balance as of 2/16/2018**

**\$ 13,755.19**

Bills Due by end of February

Norris (est.) \$275.00

Solution One \$157.84

**Total Due: \$ 432.84**

#### January/February

*Last Month: January*

*Current Month: February (As of 2/16/19)*

Current	\$ 19,195.86
Benevolence	1,394.85
World Hunger	25.00
Specials	0.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 20,615.71</b>

Current	\$ 2,994.00
Benevolence	81.00
World Hunger	0.00
Specials	70.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 3,145.00</b>

**We need \$10,111.21 in CURRENT per month to meet the 2019 budget.**



Women's  
STUDY  
GROUP



## Eunice Circle

Eunice Circle met on February 11, 2019 at 1:30pm. Norma Banahan led our Bible Study, "Meetings with Jesus." What can we learn about God from Jesus' life and ministry? By Night and Day Coming to Faith in Jesus. We ponder the mysteries of God with Nicodemus, the Samaritan woman, two people seeking healing and a hungry crowd.

Our Theme verse was from John 4:14a. Study text from John 3:1-10, John 4:5-54, John 5:1-18 and John 6:26-69.

We opened with a prayer and Hymn, "Come to Me, All Pilgrims." We closed with prayer and Hymn, "Eat This Bread," and The Lord's Prayer.

Norma called our meeting to order. Minutes were read and approved. Five (5) members answered Roll Call. Our offering \$12.00.

**Old Business:** WELCA met in January. Our projects are Baby Care Kits, School Kits and Personal Care kits. We will give the program at a WELCA meeting. Work Days on January 22<sup>nd</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>.

**New Business:** WELCA will meet on February 26<sup>th</sup> at 1pm. Work Day is February 26<sup>th</sup>. After Grace, Cleo Perkins served refreshments.

Next Eunice Circle meeting will be March 11, 2019 at 1:30pm, March book. Irene Gibson will be Bible Study leader.

*Irene Gibson, Recorder*

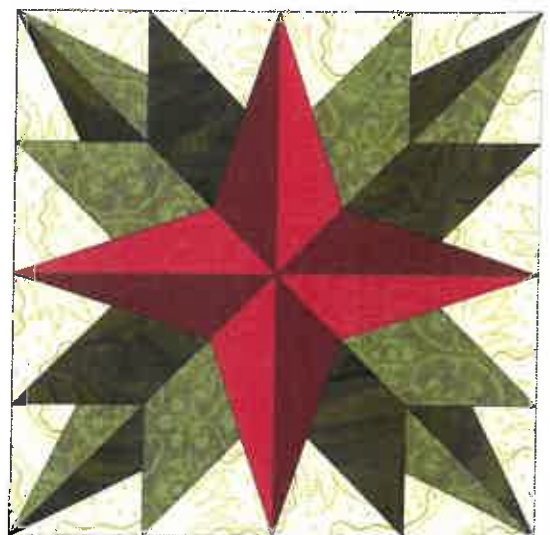
## Mission Work Day

Meeting January 29, nine quilts were assembled. Hemming and preparing materials is done at home.

Thank you for your donations, it's a joy to share our material goods and show love to those in need. Consider joining us, we work again February 26 and March 26.

We appreciate all the donations and time spent putting together the quilts for this ministry.

**God's Work. Our Hands.**



# UPCOMING *Women of the ELCA* EVENTS

*Information for all events can be found on the Women of the ELCA Bulletin Board in the fellowship area*

**World Day of Prayer 2019**  
Friday March 1, 2018 at 7:00pm  
Ellis United Methodist Church

**Southeast Conference Spring Gathering**  
March 23, 2019  
St. Paul Lutheran  
2019 N Street  
Auburn, Nebraska

If you are interested in attending the gathering, the registration fee is \$18.00 (register by March 2nd) or \$20.00 at the door.

Registration forms and more details of the day can be found on the WELCA bulletin board in the Fellowship area of the church.

**Save the Date!**  
*WELCA Annual Spring Salad Supper*  
Sunday April, 28



## *Valentine Royalty*

Franklin and Betty Damrow were honored as the Valentine's King and Queen at the Paddock Kensington. Congratulations to a truly royal and noble couple!!

*(The crowns were added to the picture that was in the Beatrice Daily Sun)*

To the St. Paul Ladies,

It was very nice of you to think of us during this time. Your words of kindness were just what we needed that day. The love and support of the community is amazing. Thank you for the quilt and prayers. Y'all will always hold a special place in our hearts!



*Amos, Samantha, & Isaiah Rule*

*Thank you*

On February 24<sup>th</sup>, St. Paul's Youth was scheduled to participate in the Worship service. However, for the 2<sup>nd</sup> time in two months, Mother Nature decided to make it so that no one could make it to church, so worship was cancelled. Please look in next month's Newscaster for Youth-Led worship.



#### YOUTH NEWS

◆ The Youth will conduct the worship service on March 31. There will be a Youth meeting that evening, March 25, at 6:30 at the Parsonage.

◆ Congratulations to the Basketball teams that performed very well in the MUDECAS tournament. Our Youth have some very talented athletes!



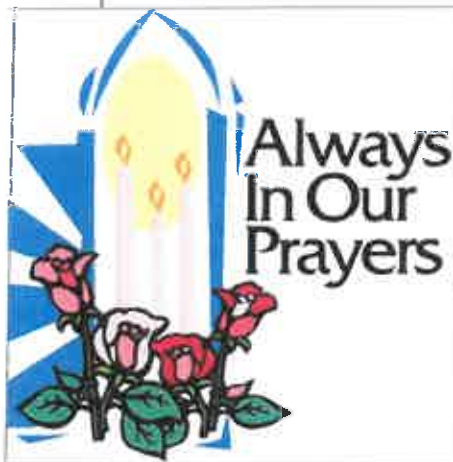
◆ Congratulations to our Freshmen and Sophomore singers that participated in the Freshmore Vocal Clinic in Tecumseh. Jadya Schultis, Brianna Weers and Mallory Denner were invited to participate and perform six musical numbers conducted by guest clinicians R. Kevin Boesiger and June Bowers. You can watch the concert at [www.striv.tv/jcc](http://www.striv.tv/jcc).

## GUEST PASTOR DR. ROBERT RADEMACHER

On February 10, Pastor Mark was attending a Pastor's Retreat in Arizona, and we were blessed with guest pastor, Dr. Robert Rademacher from Lincoln.

His sermon was about our Gospel lesson, Luke 5:1-II, about being "Named and Called" by God, or "Naming Rights". Jesus had "naming rights" to call his followers "Disciples" and everything that goes with it; the angel had "naming rights" to name Jesus, or Immanuel; Jesus named Simon Peter "The Rock", which is what his church was built on. There is power in being given "naming rights", but power is NOT dominion, but OBEDIENCE. It was a wonderful message from a wonderful and experienced Pastor.

Thank you for sharing your message with us!



*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:*

*Jim Bures fell and injured his neck, but is at home recovering  
Ardith Barber had surgery, but is at home and recovering well*

*Kendra K Weers fell on ice and has broken ribs, but is home recovering*

*Please remember our Homebound and Shut-ins and all who are in need of God's healing Grace:*

*Betty and Franklin Damrow, Richard Schnuelle,  
Eden Lottman and Skylar Folkers*



# Sweetheart Supper

February 17, 2019



*Beautiful decorations, delicious food and lovely company made a memorable evening. Thank you to our Youth, for always making this event so special.*



## Confirmation Class



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Confirmation classes during Lent will be on Sunday evenings and also the round-robin guest preacher series on Wednesdays.

*If you have pictures and/or information about Confirmation students/activities, PLEASE email them to Kendra K Weers.*

To keep up with changes in the schedule and what may be coming up, please see the church website, [www.stpauldiller.com](http://www.stpauldiller.com). You can also find updated acolyte and class schedules and "homework".

## What's your theme?



Disgusted by a tasteless dish, Winston Churchill once summoned a waiter, saying, "Take this pudding away. It has no theme!"

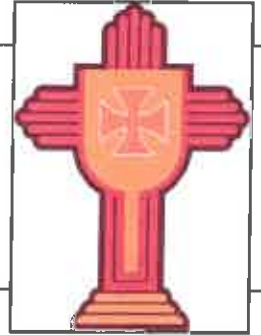
Any good dish, book, movie or sermon needs a good theme. So does a good life! That's why a personal motto or mission statement is helpful. William Carey's was "Expect great things from God; attempt great things for God." Joan of Arc's was "God must be served first." And St. Paul's was "to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ and him crucified" (1 Corinthians 2:2, ESV).

Pastor Curtis Nigh says, "If the heart does not have a noble or godly theme, then it develops an anti-theme." What noble theme can you live by as you live for Christ? ~Newsletter Newsletter, March 2019

## Chalice & Cross

The chalice with a cross rising from it symbolizes Christ's obedient suffering, even unto death. The cross is called a "passion cross," with pointed ends that represent suffering. We remember that in the garden of Gethsemane, Jesus begged his Father that the "cup" of suffering be taken from him. But ultimately, he prayed, "Not as I will, but as you will" (Matthew 26:39, NIV).

~Newsletter Newsletter, March 2019



# Lent



Lent will begin on Ash Wednesday, March 6 and services will be held at 7:30pm. This year, Lenten Services at St. Paul will be "Round Robin" with a different pastor from our cluster preaching every week. We will also like to have a small "soup supper" before services starting at 6:30 beginning March 13. The Church Council has agreed to do the first one, but we are looking for other people who could work together for the ones to follow. If you can help with this, please talk to Pastor Mark or a Council member as soon as possible. Thanks!

*We would love for you to be a part of this fellowship. Please join us!*

## Happy Birthday

### March Birthdays



2	Karli Heidemann	13	Brian Weers
3	Jamie Hennerberg	15	Brian Hennerberg
4	Sherry Henrichs	17	Beckam Hemphill
4	Joshua Germer	19	Marlene Wolken
4	Isaiah Weers	19	Peyton Denner
5	Nathan Beran	20	Ronda Duis
6	Peggy Hemphill	21	Piper Hemphill
6	Daniel Fallier	21	Karter Sasse
12	Franklin Damrow	22	Norma Banahan
12	Linda Holtmeier	22	Vivian Nish
12	Jim Bures	23	Brett Landenberger
12	Doyle Wolken	27	Aybrie Nippert
12	Sonia Sasse		

## HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

### March Wedding Anniversaries

March 2, 1974

☞ Mr. & Mrs. Douglas & Cindy Lottman

March 6, 1976

☞ Mr. & Mrs. Charles & Janet Whitehead

March 27, 1976

☞ Mr. & Mrs. Bob & Diane Wellsandt



# MARCH

**March 3 Sunday Worship Service**  
With Holy Communion  
Worship Assistant, Diane Wellsandt  
Greeter, Jim Damrow

**March 6 Ash Wednesday Service**  
Greeter, Dennis Nippert

**March 10 Sunday Worship Service**  
Worship Assistant, David Henrichs  
Greeter, Jim Bures

**March 13 Lenten Service**  
Greeter, Dean Pretzer

**March 17 Sunday Worship Service**  
Worship Assistant, Sherry Henrichs  
Greeter, Charles Barber

**March 20 Lenten Service**  
Greeter, Jim Damrow

**March 24 Sunday Worship Service**  
Worship Assistant, Jamie Schultis  
Greeter, Dennis Nippert

**March 27 Lenten Service**  
Greeter, Jim Bures

**March 31 Sunday Worship Service**  
Worship Assistant, Youth Group  
Greeter, Youth Group



**April 3 Lenten Service**  
Greeter, Dean Pretzer

**April 7 Sunday Worship Service**  
With Holy Communion  
Worship Assistant, Jim Damrow  
Greeter, Charles Barber



John Denner Larry Germer  
Jarrod Heidemann Steve Hemphill

Dennis Hennerberg  
Jamie Hennerberg  
Brian Hennerberg David Henrichs

Brett Landenberger Chad Lottman  
Doug Lottman Don Meyer

Dennis Nippert Tanner Parde  
Dean Pretzer Scott Pretzer

Youth Group

Allen Roelfs Adam Roelfs  
Dean Roelfs B. J. Stein



Karli Heidemann  
Brennan Schultis

Xavier Jones  
Spencer Weers

Skylar Folkers  
Zachary Warren

Cole Ebeling  
Madeline Parde

Karli Heidemann  
Kellan Schlichtman

Skylar Folkers  
Joely Weers



Pastor Mark

Sheri  
Schultis

Kristen  
Heidemann

Cheryl  
Denner

Youth Group

Pastor Mark



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

Leatha Christ  
Sondra Germer

Judy DeBoer  
Courtney Lottman

Judy Garton  
Susan Meyer

Jeanette Bures  
Deb Nippert

Jan Gold  
Radene Beran

Peggy Hemphill  
Kalli Roelfs

# March 2019



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Red Hymnal <b>Worship Service 3</b> Holy Communion 9:30 AM  SUNDAY SCHOOL 10:30 AM Transfiguration of the Lord	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	Ash Wednesday Service 7:30 pm 	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	
<b>DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME BEGINS</b> Blue Hymnal <b>Worship Service 10</b> 9:30 AM  Girl Scouts Sunday SUNDAY SCHOOL 10:30 AM Confirmation Parents' Night 7:00pm	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>
Eunice Circle 1:30pm			Soup Supper 6:30PM Lenten Service 7:30PM			
Red Hymnal <b>Worship Service 17</b> 9:30 AM SUNDAY SCHOOL 10:30 AM 	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	 The First Day of Spring Soup Supper 6:30PM Lenten Service 7:30PM Newscaster items DUE	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>
		<b>Council Meeting</b> 6:00pm				WELCA Spring Gathering at St. Paul Lutheran Auburn, NE
Blue Hymnal <b>Worship Service 24</b> 9:30 SUNDAY SCHOOL 10:30 AM CONFIRMATION 7:00pm	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>
		<b>Work Day</b> All Day	Soup Supper 6:30PM Lenten Service 7:30PM	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; text-align: center;">                         Please check the Weekly Bulletin for updates to this calendar.                     </div>		
Red Hymnal Youth-Led <b>Worship Service 31</b> 9:30 AM SUNDAY SCHOOL 10:30 AM Youth Meeting 6:30 at Parsonage			ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH PO BOX 37 DILLER, NE 68342			