St. Paul Newscaster



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Our Mission

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

June-July 2020
Pastor Mark Liscom

Freedom to Worship

Something that has emerged as another "cause" for people to get worked up about is the notion that covid-19 restrictions on worship gatherings are a violation of our freedom to worship. A couple of comments on this.

First of all, this argument assumes a very superficial and shallow understanding of worship. To think that worship only means being in a building and sitting in pews singing out of a hymn book is simply a notion not thought through. Here at St. Paul we've been sitting in our cars and watching online. By all accounts this has been worship, and from some of the comments I've received perhaps a more meaningful form of worship than what we had before. Covid-19 restrictions haven't kept people from freely worshipping at all. We are free to worship in many ways, except one. Hardly much of an impingement on my freedom!

Secondly, to consider covid-19 restrictions as a threat to my freedom is a very superficial and shallow notion of freedom. True freedom <u>always</u> involves accepting restrictions. If you decide to become a parent you restrict your freedom. If you decide to join the military and serve your country you restrict your freedom. The whole definition of Jesus love was nothing but his willingness to limit (restrict) himself on our behalf. Freedom always involves restricting yourself for the benefit of others. All we're being asked to do is what freedom is!

I suppose if your understanding of freedom is "being able to do whatever I want" then yes, these covid-19 restrictions may violate your right to be free. But as Christians, we understand that this never was what freedom was meant to be. True freedom ends in love of neighbor.

We can debate about whether or not covid-19 restrictions are "too tight" or "too loose". Fair enough. But when it comes to freedom, let's do what our faith says freedom is. Let's restrict ourselves for the health and safety and well-being of our neighbor. Let's really be free!

Pastor Mark

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Sponsors for the June-July Newscaster are

Melvin and BethLee Beran in Honor of their Wedding Anniversary

Melvin and Jean Weers in Honor of their Wedding Anniversary

Thank you all for your sponsorship and Happy Anniversary!

As of press time, one sponsor is still needed for October and one for November. There is a pink sign-up sheet on the announcements bulletin board in the back of the Narthex.

Please consider sponsoring this important communication tool for our congregation.

IT'S DILLER PICNIC TIME!

The Diller Picnic has been moved to August 6-8, 2020 due to COVID-19

Sign-up sheets will be available for food stand shifts and Parade Float construction in the Narthex once in-person worship starts back up. If you would like to help with the Parade Float, please contact Beth Roelfs.

Please sign up to volunteer a few hours of time to help with either or both worthwhile projects and support our church.

THANK YOU!

St. Paul Lutheran Church Council Minutes for May 20, 2020

The meeting was opened with the council sharing life and faith stories with the group. Pastor Mark read a message from a previous sermon that talked about discipleship and transformation. Members present were David Henrichs, Pastor Mark Liscom, Jamie Schultis, Darin Weers, Gary Bergmeier, and Tyler Wolken. Not present was Melvin Beran. Council reviewed the minutes from the April meeting. Gary made the motion to accept the minutes and Jamie seconded. Minutes were approved.

Treasurer's Report

Gary reported that the balance in the account was \$3,195.49. Still needing to be paid are Norris, Solution One, and Portico. After bills are paid, it will give a new balance of \$655.66. Gary moved to accept the financial treasurer's report and Darin seconded. Treasurer's report was approved.

Memorial Treasurer's Report

Darin reported that there was an interest of 0.59 which brought the balance in the account to \$6,745.91. Jamie moved to accept the memorial treasurer's report and Gary seconded. Memorial treasurer's report was passed.

Pastor's Report

4 worship services, 1 youth meeting, 2 confirmation classes, 4 cluster meetings, and updating/adding material to the church's website.

Vice Chair Report

Jamie read a card from Beth Roelfs in thanks for the flower basket she received for her work with Crosswalk. A thank you to Ardith Barber for her work in sending out invitations and reaching out to our high school seniors and college graduates. Congrats to all those who graduated and best wishes to them all.

Committee Reports

Christian Education- Vacation Bible School is scheduled to be July 27-31 at the church.

Property- Still waiting for contracts to schedule dates for the reconstruction of the large Sunday school room.

Community/Outreach- N/A Music/Worship- N/A Nominating- N/A Food Stand- N/A Diller Picnic is Aug. 8th

Old Business

- Pastor Mark did some searching and found a computer at Computer Plus in Fairbury. Pastor said it would be in the ball park of \$600 for the complete system. Gary made a motion to allow a budget of no more than a \$1000 for a new computer/software/additions he made need for this purchase. David seconded the motion. Motion passed.
- Pastor Mark has been doing some price comparing with copier companies. Capitol Business Systems Inc. offered a better deal than Solution One what plus had better customer service. Darin made the motion to switch to CBS Inc. and David seconded. Motion passed.
- Pastor Mark shared with council some videos that he has put together trying to incorporate some more spiritual formation back into St. Paul. These videos can be found on the church's website which is <u>stpauldiller.com</u>. We encourage you to check out these videos and get some feedback on them on what you think and if you would be willing to have something like this incorporated in our faith formation.

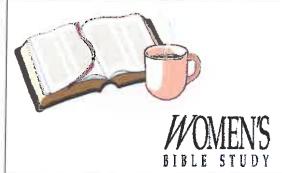
New Business

- The church council has decided to continue to have drive-in services and Facebook Live tapings of our Sunday service at least until the next council meeting which is June 17th. The council still doesn't feel comfortable at this time letting members back in the church safely. After the next council meeting, we will assess the Covid-19 situation and continue from there. We appreciate everyone's understanding and cooperation during this difficult time we are in.
 - We are going to continue to keep the safety deposit box in Fairbury at least until this Covid crisis been resolved.

The next council meeting was scheduled for June 17th at 7:30. Gary made the motion to adjourn and Darin seconded. Motion passed. The meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer.

~ Tyler Wolken, Council Secretary

TREASURER'S REPORT As of 5/20/2020 – Current Balances Checking Account \$ 14,644.28 Benevolence 125.00 World Hunger 25.00 Special Designations 11.298.79 TOTAL OPERATING AMOUNT AVAILABLE \$ 3,195.49 BILLS DUE BY END OF MONTH 2,539.83 TOTAL OUTSTANDING BILLS DUE 2,539.83 TOTAL AVAILABLE FUNDS 655.66 We need \$10,170.97 in CURRENT per month to meet the 2020 budget.



Eunice Circle

Eunice Circle has been postponed until further notice, when all restrictions have been lifted and inperson meetings and worship are safe to resume. Please contact the church and/or visit the website or Facebook page for updates.

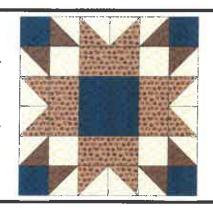
~ Irene Gibson, Recorder

Mission Work Day

Work Days were to take place in March and April, but like all inperson worship, meetings or gatherings, they have been postponed until further notice.

Please watch for updates by signage at the church, contact the church or parsonage, or watch for updates electronically on the church website or Facebook page.

We can't wait to see you again and continue God's work!!





ST. PAUL VBS COMING SOON!

St. Paul Vacation Bible School has been moved to July 27-31 due to the pandemic.

The sessions will run from 9-11:30 each morning, and instead of a program during the Sunday Worship service, we plan on doing an evening celebration on the last day, possibly with a cookout dinner with the families.

Volunteers are needed - if you are interested in helping out and/or donating items for snacks, please contact Pastor Mark, Beth Roelfs, Kristen Hennerberg or Kristen Heidemann.

Sign-up sheets for volunteers and donations will be placed in the Narthex over the summer once we resume in-person worship. Hope to see you there!!

Congratulations to Melvin and Jean Weers on the birth of their Great-Granddaughter, Addilyn Grace Price.

She is the daughter of Anessa (Weers) and Curtis Price and was born May 15 with a little bit of a scare and some time in the NICU, but is now home with mom and dad and doing well.

Addilyn is welcomed home by big brother Jaxon and the entire family.

God's blessings to your family!





SANCTUARY LIGHTING

"I have come as a light into the world, so that everyone who believes in ME would not remain in darkness." -John 12:46

The 6 new light fixtures have been installed in the sanctuary. The bright and attractive lights were given as a memorial to St. Paul Church. A sincere and appreciative "Thank You" to the families of Edwin Schmidt, Faye Schmidt, Charles Barber, Sr., Verneal Barber, Irene Pretzer and Angie Weers for this memorial.

Thanks to the memorial committee and Doug Schmidt for working to complete this project. Committee members are; Brian Weers, Darin Weers, Diane Wellsandt, Robbyn Roelfs and Donna Damrow.

A special "Thank You" to Steve Behrends and Diller Electric for donating service to install the lights. Your service is greatly appreciated.

~ Submitted by Donna Damrow ~

Women ELCA

The May WELCA unit meeting scheduled for May 6th was cancelled due to the Covid 19 restrictions. The officers worked together to draft a report to share current information.

Since our last unit meeting in February, we were saddened that many activities and events, such as, Eunice Circle, Work Day, The Spring Gathering and the Spring Salad Supper have been cancelled due to the virus. Take note, that we were not able to reveal Prayer Partners since we did not have the Salad Supper, so it will be up to each individual to reveal themselves to their Prayer Partner. We have made the decision, due to dwindling interest, to discontinue drawing for Prayer Partners.

Currently our treasury balance stands at \$720.35

The WELCA officers did serve the last Lenten meal at the church before the restrictions were implemented for our church. Our WELCA organization, led by our Work Group Leaders, has served the funerals of three cherished church members in recent months. We are grateful that the church council has agreed to move forward with the remodeling of the Sunday school area to make more room for families and serving.

There are a couple Legislative Bills out this year concerning Human Trafficking, please pray for the passage of these bills and the victims they will help.

LWR will no longer accept fleece material to be used for quilts or blankets for Baby Care Kits due to environmental issues, also they are also no longer accepting bulk soap.

The Diller Picnic has been rescheduled for the weekend of August 8th. We don't know at this time if we will be asked to work in the food stand. We will have to update you on this as decisions are made.

We are planning to continue with several of our projects that we have been doing in the past. We will continue sending monthly cards to our special friends, people scheduled to send in the upcoming months are; June-Sherry Henrichs, July-Beth Roelfs, August-Radene Beran, September-Jane Pretzer, October-Julie Schmidt, November-Donna Damrow, December-open.

The quilters will continue their work as restrictions allow, hopefully in the near future. Please continue providing material for their use.

Baby Care Kits and School Kits are in the working stages of collecting materials. As you may recall, because of the cost of these projects, in the past we have asked for donations to help defray the costs. It takes approximately \$5.80 to complete one School Kit. During the month of June, we are asking for monetary donations to help in purchasing materials and items to make 50 school kits. If anyone would like to donate to the School Kit Project, you may give your donation to Ardith Barber or Irene Gibson. We are so grateful to Irene for spearheading this project the last several years, she has done an outstanding job.

The next unit meeting is scheduled for August 5th at 7:00 p.m. Be safe and hope to see you then. ~ Submitted by Ardie Barber

"Start Each Day with a Grateful Heart"

We keep in our prayers church members who are in the hospital or recently released and pray for continued healing:

Alex Roelfs, who has been in Children's Hospital in Omaha for treatment Kay Taylor, who has been moved to an assisted living facility in Lincoln.

Cards may be sent to her at: 501 S 47th St, Lincoln, NE 68510

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:

Betty and Franklin Damrow, Margery Keefover, Cindy Bartlett, Skylar Folkers and Eden Lottman.



Happy Birthday, Norris!!

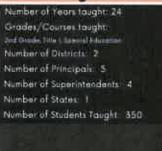
There was a special celebration for Norris Gold on May 24 following worship services to celebrate his 90th Birthday.

Due to the pandemic, the celebration was a drive-by party to wish him the best with horns honking, many signs

displayed with birthday wishes and a big parade of cars to help him celebrate. In these times, it is a big adjustment, but we are still finding ways to get together - even from a distance - to support and care for each other. Hope you had a wonderful day!!



Congratulations on your Retirement!





Long-time teaching careers by two church members came to a close as they retired during this pandemic that has changed the world. CONGRATULATIONS to Beth Roelfs and Sue Meyer for your amazing careers in education and THANK YOU for caring for our youth and teaching them for their futures. Well done!

Congratulations on your Retirement!

Number of Years taught: 42 Grades/Courses taught Number of Distracts 5 Number of Principals 6 Number of Superintendents 7 Number of States Number of Students Taught 580 Number of Lives Impacted: Countless!



Congratulations Graduates!

The church celebrated our graduates during the May 17 drive-in worship service. Graduates in attendance were Sarah (Schmidt) Meyer and Isaiah Weers for their advanced degrees, and Samantha Clifford (pictured) and Neleigh Weers for High School graduation. That afternoon, the High School graduates were honored in a parade in downtown Diller followed by downtown Odell in what would have been their graduation weekend. The pictures of the graduates from the parade are beside the senior video screenshots. Congratulations to all our graduates! Your church family is very proud of you!







Diller-Odell graduation was moved to June 6 after the outbreak ended in-person classes on March 18 and the last quarter took place online. The school put together a video featuring the graduates and the pictures are screen shots from that video. Pictures from graduation will be in the August Newscaster to celebrate their milestone achievement during a once-in-a-century event.











Neleigh Weers







CONGRATULATIONS to All Our Graduates



Our High School Graduates



Samantha Rae Clifford

Daughter of Chris and Angie Clifford Granddaughter of Charles Jr. and Ardith Barber Diller-Odell High School Will attend Northwest Missouri State University - Maryville



Nicolaus Alexander Engelman

Son of Jeremy and Michelle Engelman
Diller-Odell High School
Will attend
Southeast Community College - Lincoln



Hannah Jolee Ebeling

Daughter of Shawn and Alicia Ebeling
Diller-Odell High School
Will enter the Work Force
before attending college



Haley Marie Jones

Daughter of Carla Jones
Diller-Odell High School
Will attend
Midwestern State University
Wichita Falls, Texas



Daughter of Darin and Kendra Weers
Granddaughter of Robert and the late Angie Weers
Diller-Odell High School
Will attend
Bryan College of Health Sciences - Lincoln



Our Advanced Degree Recipients



Taylor Leigh Landenberger

Daughter of Brett and Toni Lasndenberger Granddaughter of Ray and Judy Landenberger Doane University - Crete Master of Science in Curriculum and Instruction



Sarah Diane (Schmidt) Meyer

Spouse of Shane Meyer
Daughter of Doug and Julie Schmidt
University of Nebraska - Omaha
Master of Science in
Speech-Language Pathology



Daughter of Chad and Courtney Lottman Granddaughter of Doug and Cindy Lottman University of Central Missouri -Warrensburg

Bachelor of Science in Aviation – Professional Pilot Minor in Business Administration



Isaiah Weers

Son of Shawn and the late Melissa Weers
North Central Kansas
Technical College – Beloit
Certification in
Heavy Equipment Operations









June Birthdays

1	Dennis Hennerberg	14	Makayla Hawkins	19	Marcy Barber
2	Mark Wolken	14	Bryston Warren	23	Tyson Landenberger
5	Shelly Smith	15	Jody Roelfs	23	Jesse Scheele
10	Cleo Perkins	17	Anthony Fugett	24	Xavier Jones
11	Jennifer Warren	17	Taylor Landenberger	26	James Damrow
11	Lucas Nippert	18	Reese Hennerberg	30	Cindy Lottman
12	Andrew Fugett	19	Douglas Lottman		

July Birthdays

1	Rodney Arthur	12	Bradley Sasse	20	Susan Meyer
3	Stacy Roelfs	13	Dean Pretzer	22	Sharon Arthur
4	Pierce Rallis	15	Marquis Weers	23	Holli Pretzer
5	Brennan Schultis	16	Kashtyn Sasse	23	Dean Roelfs
6	Kyle Bergmeier	16	Lakeyn Sasse	24	ReJeanna Sasse
9	Reid Pretzer	17	Harvey Nish	24	Morgan Steensnes
9	Jocelyn Nippert	18	Kasen Sasse	24	Scarlet Steensnes
9	Turner Nippert	18	Knox Sasse	25	Tucker Goldsberry
10	Courtney Lottman	18	Pastor Delmar Wiemers	26	Virgil Garton
10	Wyatt Smith			30	Julie Schmidt







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June 1, 2013 & Mr. & Mrs. Karter & Tara Sasse	June 15, 1975 & Mr. & Mrs. Rod & Sharon Arthur
June 2, 1968 Mr. & Mrs. Dennis & Jeanette Hennerberg	June 17, 2000 & Mr. & Mrs. Jarrod & Kristen Heidemann
June 3, 1956 & Mr. & Mrs. Norman & Darlene Balderson	June 18, 1994 🗞 Mr. & Mrs. Scott & Holli Pretzer
June 3, 1956 Mr. & Mrs. Melvin & BethLee Beran	June 19, 1993 & Mr. & Mrs. Rick & Annette Garton
June 4, 1977 & Mr. & Mrs. John & Linda Garcia	June 22, 1996 & Mr. & Mrs. John Jr. & Cheryl Denner
June 4, 1977 & Mr. & Mrs. Dean & Elizabeth Roelfs	June 23, 1973 & Mr. & Mrs. Doyle & Marlene Wolken
June 5, 1993 & Mr. & Mrs. Larry & Susan Lawton	June 23, 1984 & Mr. & Mrs. Dale & Radene Beran
June 7, 1980 & Mr. & Mrs. Neil & Sue Meyer	June 26, 1977 🍲 Mr. & Mrs. David & Rhonda Duis
June 8, 1968 & Mr. & Mrs. Larry & Sondra Germer	June 27, 1992 🤛 Mr. & Mrs. Norris & Jan Gold
June 12, 2010 & Mr. & Mrs. B.J. & Shannon Stein	June 29, 1996 🍲 Mr. & Mrs. Kelly & Lisa Gold
June 14, 2014 & Mr. & Mrs. Daniel & Rachel Fallier	June 29, 1990 & Mr. & Mrs. Douglas & Julie Schmidt

July Wedding Anniversaries

July 11, 1965 & Mr. & Mrs. Harry & Diane Kisling July 16, 1961 & Mr. & Mrs. Virgil & Judy Garton July 16, 2011 & Mr. & Mrs. Bradley & Lacey Sasse July 19, 2014 & Mr. & Mrs. John Duis July 20, 1974 & Mr. & Mrs. Larry & Sondra Kotas

July 24, 1993 & Mr. & Mrs. Tim & Jill Scheele July 28, 1973 & Mr. & Mrs. James & Donna Damrow July 29, 1989 & Mr. & Mrs. Steve & Kim Fugett July 30, 1961 & Mr. & Mrs. Melvin & Jean Weers



June 7 Sunday Worship Service

Drive-In Worship









Styrofoam

n the kitchen cupboard

Please furnish

Sermon

June 14 Sunday Worship Service

Drive-In Worship



Peyton Denner

Tyler Wolken Esdon Weers

Darin Weers Bob Wellsandt

** The following is PLANNED renewal of

in-person worship**

June 21 Sunday Worship Service

Worship Assistant, Diane Wellsandt

Happy Father's Day

Greeter, Jim Damrow

Marla Weichel Marcy Barber

Cheryl Denner

Dave/Sherry Henrichs

Brennan Schultis

Dale Beran Scott Beran

Charles Barber

Sunday Worship Service

June 28

Worship Assistant, Jim Damrow

Greeter, Gary Bergmeier

Melvin Beran

Jean Schmidt

Joyce Lahodny

June 2020



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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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Drive-In 7 Worship Service 9:30 AM Trinity Sunday	8	9	10	11	12	13
Drive-In 14 Worship Service 9:30 AM Flag Day	15 Eunice Circle 1:30pm**	16	Council Meeting 7:30pm	18	19	20 Summer
Red Hymnal 21 Worship Service 9:30 AM FATHER'S DAY	22	23	24	25	26	27
Blue Hymnal 28 Worship Service** 9:30 AM	29	30 Work Day** All Day	PLEASE NOTE: As the situation may change, PLEASE check the church website (above), Facebook Page, call, text or email Pastor Mark or a member of the Council for updates. In-Person worship is PLANNED to begin on June 21, please watch for details. Thank you for your cooperation and patience during these uncertain times. God is with us!			



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Sunday Worship Service Worship Assistant, Kendra K. Weers Dennis Nippert With Holy Communion Greeter, July 5

July 12 Sunday Worship Service Worship Assistant, Cheryl Denner Greeter, Jim Bures

July 19 Sunday Worship Service Worship Assistant, David Henrichs Dean Pretzer Greeter,

Sunday Worship Service Sherry Henrichs Charles Barber Worship Assistant, Greeter, July 26



August 2 Sunday Worship Service **Confirmation Sunday** With Holy Communion

Diane Wellsandt Jim Damrow Worship Assistant, Greeter,



Jim Bures Jim Damrow Gary Bergmeier Chris Clifford

Steve Hemphill Larry Germer Jarrod Heidemann John Denner

Joe Henrichs Dennis Hennerberg Jamie Hennerberg

Chad Lottman Don Meyer Brett Landenberger Doug Lottman



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your own Styrofoam

furnish

Please

cups or use the

Morgan Kapke

Pastor Mark

Kristen Heidemann

Angie Clifford

Denner Cheryl

Myleigh Weers

Stacy Roelfs Beth Roelfs

Robbyn Roelfs

Shannon Stein David/Sherry

Henrichs

Madeline Parde

Stacy Schlichtman Sheri Schultis

Beth Roelfs

Brennan Schultis

Tanner Parde Scott Pretzer Dennis Nippert Dean Pretzer

Joely Weers

Pastor Mark

Norma Banahan Diane Wellsandt

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Red Hymnal 19 Worship Service 9:30 AM Jefferson County Fair	20 Newscaster items due	21	Council Meeting 7:30pm*		24 nty Fair th 4-H & FFA				
Blue Hymnal 26 Worship Service 9:30 AM Gage County Fair	St. Paul VBS	28 Work Day All Day	29	30	VBS Program and Cookout	Confirmation August 2			