### 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.

### March 2022

Pastor Mark Liscom

### Commercial for Lent: Continuing in the Covenant of Baptism

Every year a few confirmation students are confirmed here at St. Paul. And every year, this is the question they are asked this:

"You have made public profession of your faith. Do you intend to continue in the covenant God made with you in holy baptism:

- 1. To live among God's faithful people
- 2. To hear the word of God and share in the Lord's supper
- 3. To proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed
- 4. To serve all people, following the example of Jesus,
- 5. To strive for justice and peace in all the earth?

Each person responds: I do and I ask God to help and guide me."

For our Lenten series this year, a different pastor from our local cluster will be at St. Paul to take on what each of these statements can mean for us in today's world. Our Lenten evening will begin 6:00 p.m. each Wednesday with a meal with our service following at 7:00 p.m.

I've been in the Homestead Cluster for a while now, and I have a lot of respect for the current group of pastors we have in our cluster. Coming to St. Paul will be Kathy Forrest of Holy Cross in Beatrice, Renae Kohler of St. John in Beatrice, Myron Meyer from St. Paul in Soap Creek, and Travis Panning from First Wilber/Trinity DeWitt.

It's great to work with these pastors as we seek out God's calling in a culture of great and tumultuous change. You are invited to participate in that listening this Lenten Season.

Pastor Mark

1

### PAPERLESS NEWSCASTER OPTION AVAILABLE!!



The Newscaster is now available electronically for those that would like to receive it in this form rather than through the mail. If you would like to NOT receive a physical copy of the Newscaster, please email Jane Pretzer at <a href="mailto:dpretz@diodecom.net">dpretz@diodecom.net</a> and let her know you want to be removed from the physical mailing list. You can always access the online version of the Newscaster at the Church website, <a href="www.stpauldiller.com">www.stpauldiller.com</a>, and click on the Newscaster tab for whatever publication you need. Another option is to be put on the email list that will include a link. If you would like the Newscaster emailed to you, email Sheri Schultis at <a href="mailto:jschultis@diodecom.net">jschultis@diodecom.net</a> to be put on the list.

### Editor: Kendra K. Weers

Typist: Kendra K. Weers Calendar: Kendra K. Weers Assembly: Kendra K. Weers

### **Newscaster Reporters**

Church Council – Brian Weers Treasurer's Report – Allen Roelfs
WELCA – Peggy Hemphill Eunice Circle – Irene Gibson
Work Day – Carolyn Schultis

Christian Education and VBS – Elizabeth Roelfs, Sheri Schultis, Kristen Hennerberg and Kristen Heidemann, Youth News – Joely Weers, Myleigh Weers and Brennan Schultis

Worship Committee – Council Mutual Ministry Committee - Council Birthdays & Anniversaries – Jane Pretzer Personals – Elizabeth Roelfs WELCA Coffee List – Elizabeth Roelfs Acolyte List – Pastor Mark Liscom

Worship Assistants & Ushers Lists - Sherry Henrichs





Sponsors for the March Newscaster are

Bob and Diane Wellsandt in Honor of their 46<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary on March 27th

Happy Anniversary! We thank you for your sponsorship and support.

Please note that the sign-up sheet for 2022 sponsorships is up and some sponsorships are still available.

There is one each available for APRIL, June/July, October and December. Both sponsorships are available for the months of September and November.

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

### HAPPY 100TH BIRTHDAY FRANKLIN!!

Come join the family of Franklin Damrow in honoring his 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday at an

Open House Sunday, March 6, 2022 at the Diller Community Building

2pm to 4pm

The congregation and community is invited to attend and celebrate with the birthday boy! (His actual birthday is March 12th)

If you are unable to attend, we know he would appreciate hearing from you.

Cards may be sent to:

Franklin Damrow The Kensington 105 N 6<sup>th</sup> St., Apt 510 Beatrice, NE 68310

Please pray for good health, good weather and good fellowship. Please join us!



### St. Paul Lutheran Church Council Minutes for February 16, 2022

Council members present were Pastor Mark, David Henrichs, Gary Bergmeier, Peg Hemphill, Diane Wellsandt, Jeanette Bures, Darin Weers, Brian Weers and Tyler Wolken. Devotions and God sightings were shared by council members and then Pastor Mark started the meeting with a prayer.

### TREASURER'S REPORT

Gary presented the Treasurer's Report. Gary reported that \$957 was due to Stanton's, Portico needs to be paid with a balance of \$5,472.93. Darin moved to accept the Treasurer's Report and Peg seconded. The Treasurer's Report was approved.

#### MEMORIAL TREASURER'S REPORT

Darin reported that there was \$.84 interest received. The account balance is now \$14,153.64. The Thrivent Mutual Fund was \$968.79 for last quarter of '21. The balance is \$23,650.16 for investments. Gary moved to accept the report and Brian seconded. The report was approved.

### PASTOR'S REPORT

No report given.

#### VICE CHAIRMAN REPORT

Dave talked about the South furnace. Doug Schmidt made a chimney device to reduce the smell, we may need to replace the unit.

#### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Christian Education – N/A

Property - N/A

Communication & Outreach – N/A

Music & Worship – discussed having special music on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the month, people that wish to participate to show up at 9am on the second Sunday.

Food Stand - N/A

Departing Council members gave some parting words and suggestions for improvements. Tyler suggested a "Thank-You Box" for people to leave notes of thanks for people at church. Darin thanked the Council for putting up with him.

New officers were elected. Vice-Chair, David Henrichs; Secretary, Brian Weers; Treasurer, Gary Bergmeier; Memorial Treasurer, Jeanette Bures; Financial Secretary, Peg Hemphill; Financial Reporter, Diane Wellsandt.

New Committee Council Representatives were chosen. Christian Education, Peg Hemphill; Memorial, Jeanette Bures; Property, Gary Bergmeier and Brian Weers; Communication and Outreach, Diane Wellsandt; Music and Worship, Peg Hemphill: Food Stand, Dave Henrichs.

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

Discussion was held about the new camera, to move the placement to above the doors in center of the back wall of the sanctuary. The new equipment sounds and looks good. There is an order in with Diode to put in splitter for a box insert to put the camera in the new location. The sound system person will run the camera (move it) during worship. Are getting an ambient sound microphone for Pastor. Trying out microphones to see what is needed.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

Pastor would like to take a Pastor's Class at Camp Carol Joy Holling, "How Then Shall I Lead". It is 4 classes that takes place in March, April and May, at a cost of \$500.

Lent is coming soon, and the series will return to a "round robin" format. There will be a meal before every Lenten service starting at 6pm with services starting at 7pm. The Council will provide for the first meal on March 9<sup>th</sup>. There will be a sign-up sheet in the Narthex for the other Lenten services meals.

Synod Convention will take place on June 2<sup>nd</sup> through 4<sup>th</sup> at the Younes Conference Center at Kearney. Beth Roelfs has indicated that she would like to go to the Convention as one of our representatives. The Nebraska Synod Bishop Maas is resigning in August, so a new Bishop will be elected at this Convention. Our Cluster has put forth some names for nomination for the new Bishop.

Diane will be gone for the last Sunday in February, so someone needs to check the church after CrossWalk on Wednesday and before Worship on Sunday. Jeanette expressed interest in filling this need.

Gary asked about putting funerals and wedding services on our Facebook page. Pastor has already been asking people if they would like to broadcast their services on our page.

Discussion was held about the Eternal Candle soot on the front wall. Dave suggested we remove the stand and have the candle moved out from the wall and hung by a chain like is done at other churches. The cost could be covered by a memorial gift.

The next council meeting was set for Thursday, March 17<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm and committees to meet at 6:30pm. Gary moved to adjourn the meeting and Peg seconded. The meeting was adjourned and closed with the Lord's Prayer.

~ Brian Weers, Council Secretary

#### TREASURER'S REPORT

As of 2/12/2022

Current Balances		Operating Expenses		,
General Fund	\$ 8,050.41	Available Cash	\$ 8,050.41	
Benevolence	\$ 214.65	Remaining Bills		. A
Designations	\$ 4,618.62	Portico	\$ 2,577.48	Due mid-March
Total	\$12,883.68	Remaining Bal	\$ 5,472.93	

#### **Offering Summary**

	December	January	February	
Current	\$ 12,882.00	\$ 15,102.60	\$ 3,341.00	
Benevolence	\$ 665.00	\$ 155.65	\$ 59.00	
Designated Funds	<u>\$ 161.00</u>	<u>\$ 233.00</u>	\$ 49.00	
Totals	\$ 13,708.00	\$ 15,491.25	\$ 3,449.00	
			(partial month	

We need to receive \$10,002.96 in CURRENT each month in order to meet our budget for 2022.



### **Eunice Circle**

Eunice Circle met on February 14, 2022 at 1:30pm. Irene Gibson led the Bible Study.

The Kingdom of God: Mysteries of the Kingdom - Parables, banquets and children. How is the Kingdom of God like a net or a treasure or a pearl or a banquet? Who are we to regard as the greatest in the Kingdom?

Our study texts from Matthew, chapters 5,10,13,18,19,20,21,23,25 - numerous verses. Isaiah 20:3; Jeremiah 19:1 thru 3 and Jeremiah 27:1 thru 7; Mark 2:13 thru 17; Luke chapters 7,14,15,19,22 - numerous verses.

We opened with prayer and Hymn, "Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word." We closed with prayer and Hymn, "Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word" verses 1 and 2 and The Lord's Prayer.

Norma called our meeting to order. Minutes were read and approved. Four (4) members answered roll call and quest. Our offering was \$18.00.

Old Business: Work Day - January 25th.

New Business: Work Day - February 22nd.

After Grace, Linda Behrends served refreshments.

Next Eunice Circle Meeting will be March 14th, 2022 at 1:30pm, March/April book. Norma Banahan will lead Bible Study.  $\sim$  Irene Gibson, Recorder

Congratulations to Cassey and Josh (Wren) Lottman on the January birth of their daughter. We also wish many happy "baby moments" to grandparents, Chad and Courtney Lottman, aunt Corina Lottman and great grandparents, Doug and Cindy Lottman.





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, Eldean Banahan, Robert Weers and Rick Whittemire



# Women ELCA

### St. Paul Women of the ELCA Unit Meeting



February 1, 2022

A Unit Meeting of the Women of the ELCA was held Tuesday, February 1, 2022, at 1:30 p. m. with ten women and Pastor Mark present. The meeting was opened by reading Our Purpose Statement in unison.

The business meeting was led by President, Ardith Barber. Secretary, Peggy Hemphill read the minutes of the November 3, 2021 meeting. A motion to approve the minutes was made by Beth Roelfs and seconded by Jane Pretzer. Minutes were approved. The Treasurer's report was given by Diane Wellsandt. It was reported that the balance in our treasury is \$940.93. Peggy Hemphill made a motion to approve the Treasurer's report and it was seconded by Linda Behrends. The report was approved. There were no outstanding bills to be paid.

Correspondence: A thank-you was read from Lutheran World Relief for the \$200 that we had sent for shipping of the quilts and school and baby care kits. A thank-you was read from Samantha Clifford for the college care kit she received and Ardith Barber mentioned that she had received some verbal thank-you's from some of the other college students. A thank-you was also read from the family of Cleo Perkins in appreciation for serving Cleo's funeral luncheon. We also received a thank-you from Ruby Hardin on behalf of the Southeast Nebraska Area (Wymore) food pantry for our monetary donation given to them.

It was reported that all of the long brown tables have now been sold. We are still trying to sell the small Sunday School tables and chairs.

The Food Drive this past fall was again successful. We collected 294 items that were taken to the Blue Valley Food Pantry in Fairbury. We also received \$900 in donations which were split \$400 to Blue Valley and \$500 was given to Southern Gage Food Pantry in Wymore. A motion was made by Beth Roelfs and seconded by Diane Wellsandt to continue with this annual food drive for Blue Valley, Wymore and St. John food pantries. Motion carried.

Our women's Thank Offering Service was held Sunday, November 21. Offering collected was \$190.

Events to remember for 2022:

World Day of Prayer at Odell United Methodist Church March 4

Spring Gathering at Zion Lutheran, Pickrell March 5

April 24 Spring Salad Supper Diller Picnic Food Stand June 23-25 Thank Offering Service November 20

Committees for 2022:

Norma Banahan Eunice Circle: Jeanette Bures Kitchen: Diane Wellsandt Praver Books: Ardith Barber & Marcy Barber Baby Care Kits: Linda Behrends Card Project:

School Kits & Backpacks: Irene Gibson

Calling Committee: Work Group Leaders: Linda Behrends, Judy Landenberger, Jan Gold Jane Pretzer, Carolyn Schultis, Linda Beran

After skipping our annual salad supper for several years due to Covid, it was decided to go ahead and have the salad supper on April 24, 2022, at 5:00 p.m. with Lori Gottula as our guest speaker. It was decided to invite the women from the churches who are involved with our World Day of Prayer circle. Volunteers were assigned duties to help with this event.

A discussion was held on starting a Bible Study Group and what people would be interested in doing. How often and what times work best. There is already a daytime Bible Study Group established with our Eunice Circle. Ardith presented the series "The Chosen" as an option.

We will again be serving a light meal prior to Lenten services this year. There will not be any meal on Ash Wednesday and the Church Council will do the next Wednesday. We will be serving the remaining Wednesday evenings.

Beth Roelfs mentioned that we might want to remember Mother-to-Mother Ministry in Beatrice and Hope-Wymore as places that we could send clothing and personal care items in the future.

Jane Pretzer mentioned that there is a need for an extra refrigerator in the kitchen. It is hard to fit all of the salads in the one we have for a funeral. It was suggested that we sell one of the stoves and replace it with a refrigerator.

The meeting concluded with Ardith Barber reading an article about seven things a Christian woman should wear when leaving home. They should put on Compassion, Kindness, Humility, Gentleness, Patience, Forgiveness and Love. Scripture readings dealing with Love were also read.

Diane Wellsandt made a motion to adjourn the meeting and it was seconded by Carolyn Schultis. Motion carried.

The next meeting will be Wednesday, May 4, 2022, at 1:30 p.m. with Peggy Hemphill as hostess.

Offering for the evening was \$89. Refreshments were served by Linda Behrends.

Respectfully submitted, Peggy Hemphill, Secretary

World Day of Prayer will be on Friday March 4th at 7:00 p.m. at the Methodist Church in Odell. Following the service there will be refreshments and fellowship. Let Ardie Barber know if you would like to carpool over.

Being Covid related, the WELCA Spring Gathering for the Southeast Nebraska Conference has been moved to May 21\* and DATE will be held at the Lutheran Center at the University Campus in Lincoln. More details will be available later.

Holy Week

The Worship and Music committee are making plans for Holy Week. We are doing the "Lords Supper" again this year on Maundy Thursday and "Stations of the Cross" on Good Friday. Both of these services will require members to help with ackslash the readings. If you are interested in helping let Ardie Barber, Jeanette Bures or Peggy Hemphill know.

The Women of the ELCA are excited to announce we are planning a Spring Salad Supper this year after not being able to have one for a couple of years due to Covid. We are going all out too, we have a very interesting speaker coming, Lori Gottula from Elk Creek will share her faith story and we are inviting several area churches to join us. Please mark April 24th on your calendar and plan to attend. More details will be coming.



### God's Good Rules Lead CrossWalk Kids



# CrossWalk

The Ten Commandments (God's Good Rules) have been the learning topic at CrossWalk during February. The paraphrased versions are reinforced with a hand signal, lessons, and the Ten Commandment Boogie.

Each year students who are new to the Crosswalk program or who are now 2nd graders receive their own Student Bible as a gift from the St. Paul congregation. New families to CrossWalk who have a child in preschool, Kindergarten or first grade are awarded a Bible Story edition for their home. It's always a joyful day to share God's word with our young people.

For Valentine's Day the kids invested their energy in creating greetings for others. Cards and crafts were shared with friends at Gardenside and Heritage in Fairbury, Hope of Wymore and Good Samaritan Society, Home Instead and Kensington in Beatrice. From the thank you's we have received, the gifts were very much appreciated. ~ Submitted by Beth Roelfs



Left to Right: Bia Day, Layni Huwaldt, Peyton Hansen





Left to Right: Athena Wendland, Lucy Dorn. Jaxon Warnke, Vance Wendland

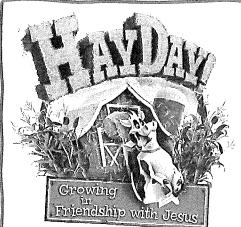


Left to Right: Mason Barnts, Trey Breeden, Maci Ellis, RiLynn Sasse, Hannah Schnuelle, Oliver Ideus, Zach Schnuelle, Lillian Welch



Left to Right: Ella Schnuelle, Emma Ideus, Wyatt Peitzmeier, Marissa Ward, Elaina Thorp



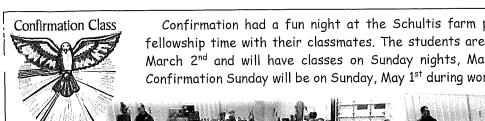


### VBS 2022 HAYDAY! Growing in Friendship with Jesus

Vacation Bible School 2022 is on the calendar for August 3rd at Camp Jefferson. All children ages 4 through the 5th grade are invited to join in on the fun. The morning sisson will focus on Jesus' befriending of Zacchaeus. Following lunch, the session 2 Bible Story is Jesus dies and comes back to life. All campers will spend the balance of the afternoon enjoying all of the special activities the Camp has to offer including the pool and hiking.

An evening celebration with food and fellowship will be open to the children, their families, the congregation and community.

Specific details are being worked out and will be promoted when they become available. ~ Submitted by Beth Roelfs



Confirmation had a fun night at the Schultis farm playing scooter hockey and enjoying some fellowship time with their classmates. The students are attending the Ash Wednesday service on March 2<sup>nd</sup> and will have classes on Sunday nights, March 13<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> at 7pm at the church. Photos by Sheri Schultis Confirmation Sunday will be on Sunday, May 1st during worship.







Sweetheart Supper February 6, 2022











Beautiful decorations, delicious food and lovely company made a memorable evening.

Thank you to our Youth for making this event so special, especially after missing it last year because of COVID. It truly was wonderful to be able to have a romantic evening with our loved ones again.









Some of our CrossWalk participants receiving the \$500 grant from the Community Foundation Granting Ceremony

On January 30th, the Diller Community Foundation held their annual Granting Ceremony where they awarded grants to our CrossWalk and VBS programs, members of our church and community, and honored Beth Roelfs, who had been nominated and is now an At-Large member of The Nebraska Community Foundation Board of Directors. Congratulations, Beth! You represent our community well!!





### ATTENTION GRADUATES!!!!

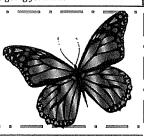
Are You, your Child, or Grandchild graduating in May or June? We want them on our Graduation Board!

Pictures and information for the board are being accepted until May 22 (if you want your picture and info in the Newscaster), and the information needed is the name (First, Middle, Last) of the graduate, parents' or grandparents' names, name of school, school colors, degree earned and future plans. Please submit wallet-sized pictures or email to kweers 10@gmail.com. Thanks!!



It was wonderful to hear our choir sing during worship on January 30th. Special music will be shared during worship more regularly going forward.

Beth Roelfs has graciously volunteered to be the "personals" contributor to the Newscaster. If you, a family member or friend would like to be included in the Newscaster's Prayer List or have a family event you would like included in a future edition of the Newscaster, please let Beth Roelfs know so no one or their special event Thank you, Beth!! gets missed.





### Thank you WELCA

May God Bless everyone who gave to the food pantry.

Words cannot express how thankful folks in need are. We are able to give a ham or turkey because of you folks. Thank you so much.

~ Ruby Hardín, Wymore Food Pantry Coordinator



### March Birthdays

- Karli Heidemann
- Jamie Hennerberg 3
- Sherry Henrichs 4
- Joshua Germer 4 Isaiah Weers
- 4
- 5 Nathan Beran
- Peggy Hemphill 6
- Daniel Fallier 6
- 12 Franklin Damrow
- 12 Linda Holtmeier
- 12 Jim Bures
- 12 Doyle Wolken
- 12. Sonia Sasse



- Brian Weers 13
- Brian Hennerberg 15
- Beckam Hemphill 17
- 19 Marlene Wolken
- Peyton Denner 19
- 20 Ronda Duis
- 21 Karter Sasse
- Piper Hemphill 21
- 22 Norma Banahan
- Vivian Nish 22
- 23 Brett Landenberger
- 27 Aybrie Nippert





### **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 2022



www.stpauldiller.com

Facebook Page – St. Paul's Lutheran Church Diller Nebraska

www.stpaulumer.com		1 40000011				
SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		1	2	3	4	5
			CROSS WALK Christian Ed 4:00pm		World Prayer	WELCA Spring Gathering
			Ash Wednesday Service 7:30 pm		Odell United Methodist Church	Moved to May 21
Red Hymnal 6 Worship Service	7	8	9	10	11	12
Holy Communion 9:30 AM			CROSS WALK Christian Ed 4:00pm			SPRING 11 17 1 10 2
Youth Activity Meet at Church 3:15pm			Lenten Meal 6:00 pm Lenten Service 7:00 pm			FORWARD
Blue Hymnal Worship Service	14	15	16	17	18	19
9:30 AM	Eunice		CROSS WALK Christian Ed 4:00pm			
DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME BEGINS CONFIRMATION 7pm	Círcle 1:30pm		Lenten Meal 6:00 pm Lenten Service 7:00 pm	Committees and Council Meetings 6:00/7:00pm		
Red Hymnal 20	21	22	23	24	25	26
Worship Service 9:30		Work	CROSS WALK Christian Ed 4:00pm			
First Boy of Spring Newscaster items DUE		<b>Day</b> All Day	Lenten Meal 6:00 pm Lenten Service 7:00 pm			
Blue Hymnal 27	28	29	30	31		
Worship Service 9:30 AM		Work	CROSS WALK Christian Ed 4:00pm			
CONFIRMATION 7pm		<b>Day</b> All Day	Lenten Meal 6:00 pm Lenten Service			
		,	7:00 pm			



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



# March 6 Sunday Worship Service With Holy Communion

Worship Assistant – Brian Weers Greeter – Gary Bergmeier Acolyte – Makenzie Peitzmeier Ushers – Dale Beran, Melvin Beran Coffee – Radene Beran, Norma Banahan

### March 20 Sunday Worship Service

Worship Assistant – Gary Bergmeier Greeter – Dennis Nippert Acolyte – Peyton Denner Ushers – Jim Bures, Chris Clifford Coffee Service – Marcy Barber, Sondra Germer

### March 13 Sunday Worship Service

Worship Assistant – Jamie Schultis Greeter – Jim Bures Acolyte – Teagan Kapke Ushers – Scott Beran, Gary Bergmeier Coffee – Stacy Schlichtman, Marla Weichel

### March 27 Sunday Worship Service

Worship Assistant – David Henrichs Greeter – Dean Pretzer Acolyte – Cale Clifford Ushers – John Denner, Larry Germer Coffee Service – Cheryl Denner, Marlene Wolken



## April 3 Sunday Worship Service With Holy Communion

Worship Assistant – Diane Wellsandt Greeter – Charles Barber Acolyte – Xavier Zabokrtsky Ushers – Jarrod Heidemann, Steve Hemphill Coffee Service – Leatha Christ, Diane Wellsandt