

# St. Paul's Newscaster



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## "Mole" and the cross of Jesus Christ

When I was a boy I rode to school on a bus every day. Right after my stop was the last stop before the school, and at that stop, (also everyday) a girl got on the bus. We called her "Mole". I never did learn her real name.

But the same thing happened every day. The minute "Mole" got on the bus, all the guys on the bus began to pretend like they were dying. Some pressed up against the windows as if gasping for air. Others held their noses, dying of the pretend smell. And at the same time we all screamed, "Mole, Mole!, Ahuuugh!"

Mole would gaze over the seats, knowing that whoever she sat with on the bus that day would suffer even worse. But eventually she chose someone and they had to bear the shame of it. Day after day she was crucified on the bus.

The cross of Jesus means that "Mole" was the heart of God's presence in the world.

Pastor Mark

# NEWS LETTER

for  
BAPTISTS

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## **Newscaster Reporters**

Church Council – Jean Schmidt    Treasurer – Marcy Barber  
WELCA – Jean Weers    Eunice Circle – Irene Gibson    Work Day – Norma Banahan  
Sunday School – Cheryl Denner

Worship Committee – Council    Witness & Service Committee – Kendra K Weers  
Birthdays & Anniversaries – Judy DeBoer  
WELCA Coffee List – Jan Gold    Acolyte List – Pastor Mark Liscom  
Usher List – Sherry Henrichs



*Sponsors for the March Newscaster are*

*Bob and Dian Wellsandt in Honor of their 40<sup>th</sup>  
Anniversary on March 27<sup>th</sup>.*

*Congratulations on your milestone anniversary.*

***There are MANY other sponsorships available for 2016. Please consider helping to provide this important service and communication to your fellow Newscaster recipients.***



*Wandy Thursday*

Seder Meal 7:30pm  
Thursday, March 24



*Easter*

# Holy Week Schedule



**Good  
Friday**

Good Friday Services 7:30pm  
Friday, March 25

Easter Sunrise Service 6:30am

Breakfast by St. Paul's Youth  
Following Sunrise Service

Easter Worship Service 9:30 am  
Sunday, March 27

# St. Paul Lutheran Church Council Minutes for February 21, 2016

Pastor Mark opened the meeting with prayer. Members present were Charles Barber, Marcy Barber, Scott Beran and Jeanette Bures. New members David Henrichs and Jean Schmidt were also present. Jim Damrow and Jamie Hennerberg were absent.

Minutes from the January meeting were reviewed. Dave moved to accept and Marcy seconded. Motion passed.

## Treasurer's Report

Current Balance - \$ 55.48

Dave moved to accept and Charles seconded. Motion passed.

## Memorial Treasurer's Report

Current Balance N/A

## Pastors Report

N/A

## Vice Chairman's Report

N/A

## Nominations for Election of Officers

Nominations are as follows: Vice Chairman – Scott Beran; Secretary – Jean Schmidt; Treasurer – Marcy Barber; Memorial Treasurer – David Henrichs; Financial Secretary – Charles Barber; Recording Secretary – Jamie Hennerberg.

David moved to accept and Charles seconded. Motion Passed.

## Council Committee Representatives

Representatives to committees are as follows: Nominating – Scott Beran and Jamie Hennerberg; Music and Worship – Marcy Barber; Memorial – David Henrichs; Christian Education – Jean Schmidt; Witness and Service – None; Property – Charles Barber and Jamie Hennerberg; Mutual Ministry – Scott Beran; Diller Picnic Food Stand – David Henrichs.

Marcy moved to accept and Jean seconded. Motion carried.

## Committee Reports

- Music and Worship committee reported that the music before and after church is going well. People are enjoying the music and videos and are even making requests. However, there is concern that conversation and noise from the back can be heard in church.
- Mutual Ministry committee reported that they had met to discuss the mission of the church. The Mutual Ministry committee replaces the Witness & Service and Stewardship committees.
- Property committee reported that the insulation project needs to be completed. There will be a need for 4-5 people to help finish the project.

## Old Business

- Council discussed options to help the concern of conversation and noise while the music and videos are being played.
- It was decided to finish the insulation project. Supplies needed will be purchased, and the project will be completed in February or March.

## New Business

- Pastor Mark reported that the youth group has been active. They held the Sweetheart Supper, have had meetings and have been helping with services the last Sunday of the month. Pastor Mark also reported that the confirmation group needs a make-up meeting.
- Representatives are still needed for Synod Assembly on June 3-4 at Kearney.
- There are a couple of people planning to go to the "Followers of Christ" Church at the Nebraska State Penitentiary on Saturday, March 5 at 6:40.
- Cassandra Lottman has requested St. Paul Lutheran Church assist in the completion of her application forms to enter the seminary. Charles Barber moved to help with the Congregational Communal Discernment Form and assist in the financial expenses. It was seconded and motion passed.
- Discussion was held on how the council would be notified about setting up for funerals.

The next council meeting will be on Tuesday, March 15 at 7:00pm.

Charles Barber moved to adjourn and Jean Schmidt seconded, motion passed.

The meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer.

- Jean Schmidt Council Secretary

### COUNCIL TREASURER'S REPORT

**General Fund Balance as of 2/22/2016**

**\$ 2,914.39**

Bills Due by end of February :

Portico

\$ 3,711.79

**Total Due:**

**\$ 3,711.79**



#### January/February

*Last Month: January*

*Current Month: March*

Current	\$ 9,891.55
Benevolence	653.60
World Hunger	25.00
Specials	35.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 10,605.15</b>

Current	\$ 3,807.20
Benevolence	564.80
World Hunger	0.00
Specials	0.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 4,372.00</b>

**We need \$11,763.97 in CURRENT per month to meet the 2016 budget.**

## NSWO Spring Gathering

**April 23, 2016**

**American Lutheran Church**

**Fairbury, NE**

The American Lutheran Church in Fairbury will be hosting the annual NSWO Spring Gathering on Saturday, April 23, 2016. Theme is "Happy in God's Grace". *"A friendly smile makes you happy and good news makes you feel strong." Proverbs 15:30.*

Registration begins at 8:15 a.m. with gathering music to follow at 8:45am. The Welcome will be given at 9:00am and the day closes at 3:00pm.

Bishop Maas will lead a Bible Study. Eunice Stuart will lead the topic "All the Children of God," a ministry to the Latino population. A representative from the Lutheran Family Services will speak about Health 360 Integrated Care Clinic.

Tangible offerings will be collected for the Hope Crisis Center.

Registration fee of \$18.00 is due by April 9<sup>th</sup>. If postmarked after April 9<sup>th</sup> fee is \$20.00. Registration forms and more details of the day can be found on the WELCA bulletin board in the Fellowship area.



*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,  
Dylan Nippert, Mallory Helton, and Skylar Folkers.*



## January-February Eunice Circle

Eunice Circle met on January 11, 2016 at 1:30pm. The Bible Study was led by Irene Gibson. Study was: Christian Citizenship 101 – Paul's letter to the Philippians. Confidence in God's Beginnings and Endings. Learning about the Church in Philippi, the context of Philippians, and our lives today. What does it mean to conduct our lives as citizens of the commonwealth of Jesus Christ,

where the gospel reigns? Study texts from Philippians 1:1–27, 3:20 and Acts 16:6–15, 40.

We opened with prayer and Hymn, "Hallelujah! We Sing Your Praises" and closed with prayer 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 \$13.00.

Old Business: Norma Banahan and Irene Gibson will continue as chairpersons and recorder, respectively. We will continue with the baby care kits and school kits as our projects and Warren's Community Table. Work Day will be January 26.

New Business: WELCA Unit meeting on Wednesday, January 27<sup>th</sup>. Work Day is January 26.

After Grace, Jean Schnuelle served refreshments.

Next Eunice Circle meeting will be February 8, 2016 at 1:30pm, January/February book. Irene Gibson is study leader. Jean Schnuelle will be hostess.

*Irene Gibson, Recorder*

Eunice Circle met on February 8, 2016 at 1:30pm. Irene Gibson led the Bible Study. Study was: Christian Citizenship 101 – Paul's letter to the Philippians: Servant-Shepherd Soldiers; Exploring what Paul says about living as Christ-like servants. What does it mean to conduct our lives as citizens of the commonwealth of Jesus Christ, where the gospel reigns?

We opened with prayer and Hymn, "Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service" and closed with prayer 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 \$10.00.

Old Business: WELCA Unit meeting on Wednesday, January 27<sup>th</sup>. Work Day is January 26.

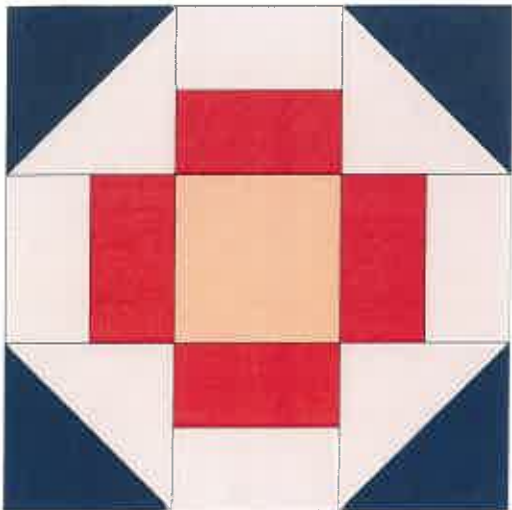
New Business: World Day of Prayer on Friday, March 4 at St. Paul Lutheran Church. Spring Salad Supper will be Sunday, April 19 at 5:30pm. Spring Gathering will be at American Lutheran in Fairbury on Saturday, April 23, 2016. Warren's Community Table on May 10 at 5:30pm in Beatrice. Work Day on February 23<sup>rd</sup>.

An invitation to meet at Kay Taylor's home for April Bible Study meeting was extended by Kay Taylor and accepted by all present. After Grace, Jean Schnuelle served refreshments.

Next Eunice Circle meeting will be March 14, 2016 at 1:30pm, March book. Norma Banahan is study leader.

*Irene Gibson, Recorder*

## Work Day



Meeting February 23, six quilts were put together, sorting, ripping and, all help from husbands and friends of our church are greatly appreciated.

A cover has been taken to Hope Crisis Center, needs are great locally as well as world-wide, so many need a strong message of hope -- you are not alone, many care for you, God loves all of us!!

Consider joining us, quilting times are a chance to socialize, laugh preparing fabrics was done. Many donations of materials has been received and converse. We'll meet twice in March, the 22<sup>nd</sup> and the 29<sup>th</sup>.

God's Work, our Hands.

**Thanks be to God!**

Please join us in celebration of this year's World Day of Prayer. St. Paul Lutheran will host a 6:30pm Fellowship Luncheon with Worship Service to follow at 7:30.

The service is written by Women of Cuba - "Receive Children, Receive Me". The Cuban women will share stories of international wisdom, tradition and experiences of God's profound love and acceptance. As the scripture refers, "Let the little children come to me, do not stop them, for it is to such as these that the Kingdom of God belongs". Mark 10:14-15 invites us all to seek Jesus with child-like boldness.

Please join us and invite everyone to join us in worship with the World on this special day.



## Happy 80<sup>th</sup> Birthday, Jean!

*Jean Schnuelle celebrated her 80<sup>th</sup> birthday with family and friends at an open house at Valentino's in Beatrice on Saturday, February 27.*

*Congratulations on this milestone birthday and we all look forward to many more!*

## Easter Lilies

Easter Lilies may again be purchased through the church to honor or remember family and loved ones. Cost will be \$10 per plant from Sims in Fairbury. Last day to order through the church is Sunday, March 20. Please make checks to the church and on memo line mark Easter Lily

If you would like to order a plant, please fill out the form that will be on the table in the back including your name and designation.

If you would like to bring your own and want to be included on the bulletin insert, please sign up on the sheet in the Narthex by Good Friday, March 25, and mark it "Bringing Own". Please have your plant in the Narthex by noon on Saturday, March 26. Thank you to those who sponsor plants.



## Mark Your Calendars!!

*WELCA Annual Spring Salad Supper*

*Sunday, April 19  
Beginning at 5:30pm*

*Bring a salad and a friend*

*See the April Newscaster and Church Bulletins  
for more information*



## Church Directory 2016

We are updating our 2016 Church Directory to include e-mail addresses. A sign-up sheet is located in the Fellowship area – please sign up today to have your e-mail address included.

Your cooperation is greatly appreciated!!!! Thank You!!!

On February 14<sup>th</sup>, St. Paul's Youth again assisted with the Sunday morning worship service and coffee fellowship hour.

Greeter was Hayley Denner and Ushers were Christopher Schmidt, Armando Jones, Hollie Crawford and Isaiah Weers. Worship Assistant was Caleb Schultis and worship was led by Cody Scheele in Pastor Mark's absence. The Children's Sermon was led by Kelsay Schlichtman who talked about the 40 days Jesus spent in the desert and how he stuck to his convictions even though it was hard. First reading of Scripture was by Jesse Scheele, Second Scripture reading by Bryston Warren and the Gospel was read by Jonathan Schmidt. The Sermon by Pastor Mark was read by Cody Scheele, about how temptations are ways of trying to "earn" love rather than just receiving it.

The refreshments were served by Elliot Sasse, Marquis Weers, Spencer Schmidt and Armando Jones.

Upcoming events - Youth Meeting will be on Sunday, March 13 at 6:30pm. There will not be a youth-led service in March due to Easter. Youth will again be serving breakfast after the 6:30am Easter Sunrise Service.



**Confirmation will be held THIS SUNDAY, March 6.**  
Please see the church website, [www.stpauldiller.com](http://www.stpauldiller.com) for updated acolyte and class schedules, especially during Lent. "Homework" is also available on the website.



# Sweetheart Supper

February 14, 2016



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



*Again, our Youth held a wonderful event for our church.*

*Thank you, our Youth, for always making this event so special.*



## Happy Birthday

### March Birthdays

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



## 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 2 Lenten Service  
Greeter, Dennis Nippert

March 6 Sunday Worship Service  
With Holy Communion  
Worship Assistant, Brian Weers  
Greeter, Dean Pretzer

March 9 Lenten Service  
Greeter, Don Meyer

March 13 Sunday Worship Service  
Worship Assistant, Jim Damrow  
Greeter, Dennis Nippert

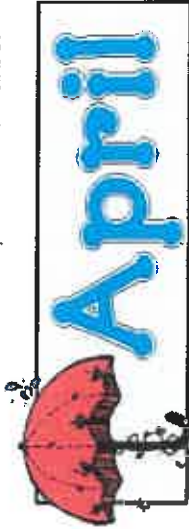
March 16 Lenten Service  
Greeter, Jim Bures

March 20 Palm Sunday Worship Service  
Worship Assistant, Brian Hennerberg  
Greeter, Jim Damrow

March 24 Maundy Thursday Service  
Greeter, Franklin Damrow

March 25 Good Friday Service  
Greeter, Jim Bures

March 27 Easter Sunday  
6:30 a.m. Worship Assistant, David Henrichs  
Greeter, Dean Pretzer  
9:30 a.m. Worship Assistant, Sherry Henrichs  
Greeter, Charles Barber



April 3 Sunday Worship Service  
With Holy Communion  
Worship Assistant, Kendra K. Weers  
Greeter, Jim Damrow



Doug Schmidt Spencer Schmidt  
Jonathan Schmidt Russell Schultis

Tim Scheele Cody Scheele  
Jesse Scheele Brian Weers

Jamie Schultis Caleb Schultis  
Darin Weers Melvin Weers

Charles Barber Dale Beran  
Melvin Beran Scott Beran

Gary Bergmeier Jim Bures  
Chris Clifford Jim Damrow

Franklin Damrow John Denner  
Jeremy Engelman Larry Germer



Brianna Weers  
Zeke Jones

Hannah Ebeling  
Neleigh Weers

Samantha Clifford  
Tori Smith

Jadyn Schultis  
Mallory Denner

Hayley Jones  
Esdon Weers

Nicolaus Engelman  
Addison Heidemann



Children's  
Sermon

Pastor Mark

Kristen  
Heidemann

Cheryl Denner

Dave/Sherry  
Henrichs

Beth Roelfs

Pastor Mark



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

Judy DeBoer  
Courtney Lottman

Judy Garton  
Annette Garton

Kristen Heidemann  
Jan Gold

Luther League  
Breakfast

Kendra Weers  
Diane Kising

Peggy Hemphill  
Sherry Henrichs

# March 2016



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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		<b>1</b>	<b>2</b> <b>LENTEN SERVICE</b> 7:30PM	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> <b>World Day of Prayer</b> St. Paul Lutheran	<b>5</b> Followers Of Christ Church Service
<i>Red Hymnal</i> Worship Service <b>6</b> 9:30 AM <i>Holy Communion</i>  Girl Scouts Sunday SUNDAY SCHOOL 10:30 AM  Confirmation 7pm	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> <b>LENTEN SERVICE</b> 7:30PM	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> 
<b>DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME BEGINS</b> <i>Blue Hymnal</i> 9:30 AM Worship Service SUNDAY SCHOOL 10:30 AM Youth Meeting 6:30 at Parsonage	<b>14</b> <i>Eunice Circle</i> 1:30pm	<b>15</b> Council Meeting 7:00pm	<b>16</b> <b>LENTEN SERVICE</b> 7:30PM	<b>17</b> 	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>
<i>Red Hymnal</i> <b>20</b> <b>Palm Sunday</b> 9:30 AM Worship Service SUNDAY SCHOOL 10:30 AM and Confirmation (at Parsonage)  <b>Spring Begins</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> <b>Work Day</b> All Day	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> <i>Maundy Thursday</i> 7:30 pm	<b>25</b> <i>Good Friday</i> 7:30 pm	<b>26</b>
<i>Red Hymnal</i> <b>27</b> Easter Sunrise Service 6:30 AM <i>Holy Communion</i> Easter Breakfast Easter Worship Service 9:30 AM <i>Holy Communion</i> NO SUNDAY SCHOOL <i>Newscaster items due</i>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> <b>Work Day</b> All Day	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>		

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