

St. Paul Newscaster



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Experimenting

I don't know about you, but when I was a young boy I loved to experiment. Like most boys I liked the most experiments that blew things up but it wasn't just that. We would experiment with jumps for our bicycles, ways to build a fort, or ways to scare girls. But whatever the arena, it seemed built into to us to experiment with things, try this and that just to see what would happen. Take science..... the best part of science class was what? The experiments of course! We couldn't wait to try something just to see what happened. Put a bigger motor on it, mix and match and see what happens.

If you cook, don't you experiment sometimes? Of course. My point is that it's built into us. It's a part of the way God made us; the life that God has for us to just play around and experiment with things. It's fun, it's cool, and when you're engaged in it, it's some of the best experiences of life.

Unfortunately, when it comes to church, this gift God gave us sometimes gets lost. Just trying something goofy to see what happens seems to be something that is offensive or disrespectful to God. I don't know how this happened, but it seems to have. I have missed it myself, in the need to "get it right", or the fear of getting in trouble.....but somewhere along the line, at least in the church, we lost the joy of experimenting. It could be because if it doesn't work, here comes the criticism or the "I told you so" people.

The ways to experiment are endless, but during this season of Lent, maybe we could experiment with prayer. I've been pushing solitude and silence.....why not experiment with it? Ask God for advice on something you need help with. I'd like to experiment with a healing service maybe. Just "play around" and see what happens.

Could it be that a core desire of God is that we experiment with our relationship? That by together "trying this and that" we come into God's presence? Hmmmm.

Blessings,
Pastor Mark

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*Maundy Thursday
Seder Meal 7:30pm
Thursday, March 29*

Holy Week Schedule



**Good
Friday**

*Good Friday Services 7:30pm
Friday, March 30*

Easter Sunrise Service 6:30am

*Breakfast by St. Paul's Youth
Following Sunrise Service*

*Easter Worship Service 9:30 am
Sunday, April 1*



Easter

St. Paul Lutheran Church Council Minutes for February 15, 2017

Pastor Mark opened the meeting with prayer. Members present were Charles Barber, Marcy Barber, David Henrichs, Cindy Lottman, Allen Roelfs, and Jean Schmidt. New members present were Melvin Beran and Jamie Schultis. Minutes from the January meeting were reviewed. David moved to accept the minutes, and Marcy seconded. Motion passed.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Marcy reported that the current balance is \$271.96. Two utility bills and the February Portico need to be paid. The prepaid propane with Stanton Propane has been used. Allen moved to accept, and Jean seconded. Motion passed.

MEMORIAL TREASURER'S REPORT

Allen reported that the current balance is \$13,295.29, including last month's interest. There was no activity for the memorial committee this month. Marcy moved to accept, and Jean seconded. Motion passed.

Charles and Marcy were thanked for their years of service to the Church Council. Melvin Beran and Jamie Schultis are the new Church Council members. New offices were selected: Vice-Chair, David Henrichs; Secretary, Jean Schmidt; Recording Secretary, Melvin Beran; Treasurer, Allen Roelfs; Financial Secretary, Cindy Lottman; Memorial Treasurer, Jamie Schultis.

PASTOR'S REPORT

Pastor Mark did not have a written report. No mileage.

- The Synod Consultation Committee had a meeting. The committee wrote a recommendation for the consultation that is being worked on.
- Pastor Mark's work with the Transformational Committee and Mutual Ministry Committee has been going well.

COMMITTEE REPORT

- Transformational--committee had a meeting in Lincoln during January; the committee met following service to discuss the discipleship vision as individuals in order to grow from there.

OLD BUSINESS

- Council will continue to discuss at monthly meetings the healthcare plan and options available.

NEW BUSINESS

- Council committee representatives were selected: Nominating, David Henrichs and Jean Schmidt; Music & Worship, Allen Roelfs; Food Stand, David Henrichs; Christian Education, Cindy Lottman; Transformational, Allen Roelfs and Jean Schmidt; Property, Melvin Beran and David Henrichs; Memorial, Jamie Schultis.
- Council discussed what the Transformational Committee has been working on and what the committee plans. The focus is on a shift from membership to discipleship. Need to be more positive and not as negative.
- Council will discuss quarterly reports at the next meeting. Is it necessary to complete quarterly or could it be done less often?
- Council will discuss the new auditor at the next meeting.

The next council meeting will be on Sunday, March 25, 2018, following church services. The meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer. Allen made a motion to adjourn, and Jamie seconded. Motion passed.

- Jean Schmidt, Council Secretary

TREASURER'S REPORT			
General Fund Balance as of 2/16/2018		\$ 271.96	
Bills Due by end of January	Feb. Portico	\$ 4,128.50	
	Total Due:	\$ 4,128.50	
January/February			
<i>Last Month: January</i>		<i>Current Month: February</i>	
Current	\$ 7,267.21	Current	\$ 8,983.00
Benevolence	783.05	Benevolence	1,207.00
World Hunger	25.00	World Hunger	0.00
Specials	80.00	Specials	35.00
TOTAL	\$ 8,155.26	TOTAL	\$ 10,225.00
We need \$12,307.87 in CURRENT per month to meet the 2018 budget.			



WELCA
STUDY
GROUP



Eunice Circle

Eunice Circle met on February 12, 2018 at 1:30pm. Bible Study was led by Kay Taylor. "Multiple Meanings: Learning from other interpretations - Prepare the way of the Lord." Scripture speaks to us in unique, profound ways - and that's a good thing. What does the word "meaningful" mean to you?

Bible text from Luke 3:3 thru 17.

We opened with a prayer and Hymn, "The Word of God in Source and Seed." We 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 and a guest, Linda Behrends. Our offering \$14.00.

Old Business: Our projects - School Kits - Baby Care Kits - Health Care Kits. Work Days are January 23rd and 30th.

New Business: WELCA meeting on February 22nd at 1:00pm. Work Day on February 27th.

After Grace, Marla Weichel served refreshments.

Next Eunice Circle meeting will be March 12, 2018 at 1:30pm, March book. Norma Banahan will lead the Bible Study.

- Irene Gibson, Recorder

Mission Work Day

With four women working plus three part of the day, nine quilts were tied and clipped. Seams were ripped, fabrics were sorted and taken home to be sized. Quilts are also taken home to be hemmed.

After clean up, fellowship, coffee and snacks were enjoyed.

Next work day is March 27.

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

God's Work. Our Hands.



WELCA Unit Meeting

February 22, 2018



Pres Linda Beran opened our Unit Meeting with a prayer of **“Unity, Hope, and Vision.”** It had been decided to try afternoon meetings in winter months to avoid cold night conditions but weather still was not cooperating. Six women attended. Our activity was to share our favorite bible verse and how it became our favorite. We all enjoyed the variety of verses, which gave us all new verses to take away, consider, study and become our new favorites.

The business meeting opened with reciting our Statement of Purpose. Thanks was extended to our new Vice Pres Ardith Barber and to retiring president Jane Pretzer. Minutes were read by Sec Robbyn Roelfs, one correction noted. Treas Jeanette Bures gave the financial report noting the fall Thank Offering of \$199.00, and year end balance of \$980.67. After usual offerings and supply bills, the current balance is \$972.93.

Projects brought for Vote:

- 75% of Unit and Eunice Circle Offerings sent to Synod quarterly
- \$150 Annual to St John’s Food Pantry--disbursed in two donations
- \$150 Annual to Blue Valley Community Action--disbursed in two donations
- \$150 Annual to Southern Gage Food Pantry--disbursed in two donations
- Jane Pretzer moved to continue support, Carolyn Schultis 2nd vote carried.
- \$75.00 Donation--Spring Gathering-Ardith Barber moved, Carolyn 2nd ... vote carried.

Work day was held twice in January with 13 quilts completed. Card Project for College outreach was discussed. Thanks to Betty Lawrence for sending cards for WELCA ... your service will be missed. We now need volunteers to continue our outreach to those in need of care and prayer! Possibly several to split up the months could lessen the job.

Upcoming Events:

- Warren’s Table Project--will be served in May-plans progressing.
- Spring Gathering to be Sat. March 17th at Grace Lutheran at Cook,NE. Monetary donations can be given to Linda or Jeanette. Theme “Daughters of the Spirit”
- World Day of Prayer- at Odell St Mary’s Catholic Church on 7 pm Fri. March 2nd Snow date March 9th.
- WELCA Executive Committee will serve Lenten Supper before the service Feb 28th.
- WELCA Spring Salad Supper will be Sun. April 29th at 5:30 pm. Plans are being made with a “Wedding Memories Theme”

**Next Unit Meeting Wednesday May 2nd at 7pm--Pastor Mark will lead the activity on
“How to Strengthen our Personal Relationship with God”**

An offering of \$30 was collected, thanks to Robbyn for refreshments,
the meeting closed with a prayer read in unison.

**“It is said that Women without religion is a flame without heat, a rainbow without color,
and a flower without perfume.”**

Respectfully submitted,
Robbyn Roelfs





World Day of Prayer 2018
All God's Creation is Very Good!
 Friday March 2, 2018 at 7:00pm
 St. Mary's Catholic Church, Odell
 Snow date Friday March 9, 2018



Fellowship afterward in the church basement.

Southeast Conference Spring Gathering
 March 17, 2018

Grace Lutheran Church
 306 N. 1st, Cook, NE 68329
 Theme: Daughters of the Spirit

If you are interested in attending the gathering, the registration fee is \$18.00 (register by March 3rd) 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, 29 at 5:30 pm

The WELCA Executive Board is busy planning the 2018 WELCA Spring Salad Supper. The theme for the Salad Supper is "Wedding Memories". See the April Newscaster and Church Bulletins for more information.



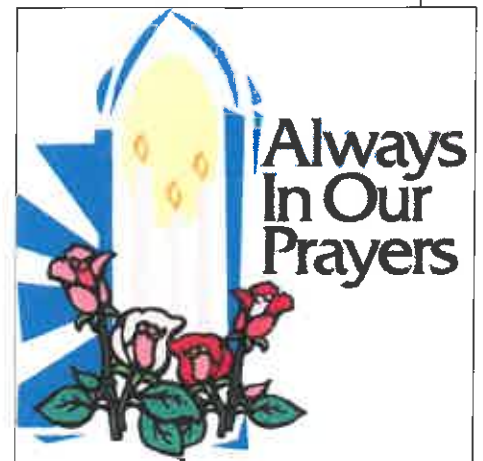
Easter Lilies

Due to waning interest, Easter Lilies will not be available for purchase through the church. However, we encourage people to bring their own plants for Easter Worship.

If you would like to bring a plant and want to be included on the bulletin insert, please bring your plant labeled as to who it's from and sign the sheet in the Narthex by noon on Saturday, March 31. Please include your name and the designation. The information will be included in the insert for the bulletin. Thank you to those who sponsor plants.

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:

Leana Lottman is in the hospital
Betty and Franklin Damrow have moved to the Kensington
Toby Fritzen, Betty and Franklin Damrow, Richard Schnuelle,
Ardyce Wiemers, Kay Taylor, Dylan Nippert, Eden Lottman,
Mallory Helton and Skylar Folkers





Sweetheart Supper

February 11, 2018



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



Confirmation students will be serving the Seder Meal on Thursday, March 29th. Please join us for this wonderful tradition of our church and “walk in the path” of Jesus.

To keep up with changes in the schedule and what may be coming up, please see the church website, www.stpauldiller.com. You can also find updated acolyte and class schedules and “homework”.

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

On February 25th, St. Paul's Youth again assisted with the Sunday morning worship service and coffee fellowship hour.

Greeters were Brianna Weers and Neleigh Weers and Ushers were Jesse Scheele, Spencer Schmidt, Hollie Crawford and Christopher Schmidt. Worship Assistant was Caleb Schultis. The Children's Sermon was led by Mallory Helton, who talked about the song, "Five Little Ducks", where every time the mother turned around, another of her babies was gone, but at the end, when she called, all her babies came back. This is what Jesus does – calls his children to Him and God. First reading of Scripture was read by Brianna Weers, Second Scripture reading by Neleigh Weers and the Gospel was read by Christopher Schmidt. The refreshments were served by Hollie Crawford and Neleigh Weers.



YOUTH NEWS

- ◆ The Youth will be bowling the afternoon of March 11 and will conduct the worship service on March 25. There will be a Youth meeting that evening, March 25, at 6:30 at the Parsonage. The Youth will serve the Easter Morning breakfast about 7:30am on Sunday, April 1.
- ◆ Congratulations to Hollie Crawford for her mixed media artwork being chosen to be displayed with the Pioneer Conference Art Show in early February.
- ◆ Congratulations also to Hayley Denner and Tyson Landenberger for being chosen as Fairbury Elks' Students of the Month. This honors area students with high achievements in academics, extracurricular activities and leadership.

Lent



Worship Series

Lent began on Ash Wednesday, February 14. Lenten services will be held Wednesdays at 7:30pm. Our Lenten series will be round-robin with a different pastor from our cluster preaching each week. Also each week during Lent a meal will be served prior to worship
Please join us!

Happy Birthday

March Birthdays



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

March Wedding Anniversaries

- | | |
|--------------------|-----------------------|
| 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 | |

- 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 4 Sunday Worship Service

With Holy Communion

Worship Assistant, Diane Wellsandt
Greeter, Don Meyer

March 7 Lenten Service
Greeter, Dennis Nippert

March 11 Sunday Worship Service

Worship Assistant, Kendra K Weers
Greeter, Dean Pretzer

March 14 Lenten Service
Greeter, Jim Bures

March 18 Sunday Worship Service

Worship Assistant, Diane Wellsandt
Greeter, Jim Damrow

March 21 Lenten Service
Greeter, Don Meyer

March 25 Sunday Worship Service

Youth Sunday

Worship Assistant, Youth Group
Greeter, Youth Group

March 28 Lenten Service
Greeter, Dennis Nippert



April 1 Easter Sunday Worship Service

With Holy Communion

Worship Assistant (Sunrise) David Henrichs
Greeter, Jim Bures

Worship Assistant (9:30) Sherry Henrichs
Greeter, Dean Pretzer



Doug Schmidt Spencer Schmidt
Jonathan Schmidt
Christopher Schmidt

Jamie Schultis Caleb Schultis
Darin Weers Robert Weers

Kevin Sasse Karter Sasse
Riley Sasse Brian Weers

Youth Group

Sunrise Service

Melvin Weers Bob Wellsandt
Doyle Wolken Tyler Wolken

9:30 Service

Charles Barber Dale Beran
Melvin Beran Scott Beran



Xavier Jones
Zachary Warren

Mallory Helton
Keira Hennerberg

Esdon Weers
Skylar Folkers

Mykah Folkers
David Parde

Ezekiel Jones
Kari Heidemann

Mallory Denner
Cole Ebeling



Pastor Mark

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
Jody Helton

Sunrise Service
Youth Group

9:30 Service
Jan Gold
Radene Beran

March 2018



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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	
 <p><i>Easter Sunrise Service</i> <i>Sunday, April 1 at 6:30am</i> <i>Youth Breakfast to Follow</i> <i>Easter Worship 9:30am</i></p>				1	2  World Prayer St. Mary's Odell 7:00pm	3	
Red Hymnal Worship Service 9:30 AM Holy Communion SUNDAY SCHOOL 10:30 AM	4	5	6	7 Soup Supper 6:45PM Lenten and Confirmation Service 7:30PM	8	9	10  SPRING FORWARD
DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME BEGINS Blue Hymnal Worship Service 9:30 AM  Girl Scouts Sunday SUNDAY SCHOOL 10:30 AM Youth Bowling	11	12 Eunice Circle 1:30pm	13	14 Soup Supper 6:45PM Lenten and Confirmation Service 7:30PM	15	16	17  WELCA Spring Gathering at Grace Lutheran Cook, NE
Blue Hymnal Worship Service 9:30 AM SUNDAY SCHOOL 10:30 AM	18	19	20  The First Day of Spring	21 Soup Supper 6:45PM Lenten and Confirmation Service 7:30PM	22	23	24
Blue Hymnal Youth-Led Worship Service 9:30 SUNDAY SCHOOL 10:30  Palm Sunday Council Meeting Following Worship Youth Meeting 6:30 at Parsonage Newscaster items DUE	25	26	27 Work Day All Day	28	29  Seder Meal 7:30 pm	30  GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE 7:30 pm	31



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