

St. Paul Newscaster



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

October 2023
Pastor Mark Liscom

We don't like conflict.....or do we?

There is a weird attitude that surrounds conflict in our culture. On the one hand, we don't like conflict and try to avoid it, it seems. And in this mode of thinking we tend to say things like, "why can't we all get along?" All of the conflict that goes on around us is simply wearisome and discouraging. We're tired of the news and the constant strife.

On the other hand, it seems that we're fascinated by conflict. Recently I listened to a podcast about what is happening in NASCAR auto racing. And one of the things they are trying to do is create more conflict among the drivers. Conflict creates interest, it seems that without conflict, a sport or politics just gets boring. In this mode of thinking we're hungry for conflict. There's nothing like a good fight to spice up the ratings!

What's up with this, anyway? Why do we want to avoid conflict and yet are drawn to it?

Well, I think the reason may be that we're wired for connection and love. For each other and to God. And the truth is, that conflict is a big part of that connection. There's no real love without conflict. That's why I think that we can be afraid of conflict and yet at the same time be fascinated by it. We know the risks and the rewards that are possible.

One meaning of the cross of Jesus, is that conflict can be transformed into a new beginning. It's true, that we look around and often see nothing in conflict but destruction. But with the eyes of faith, we can begin to approach conflict in a different way. As a pathway not to destruction, but deeper connection.

Pastor Mark

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In Honor of Our Family’s Fall Birthdays
and
Judy Landenberger
In Loving Memory of Ray Landenberger
and in honor of my Family

Happy birthday(s) and Blessings to the Memory of your loved one and family. Thank You for sponsoring this Newscaster!

Sponsors for 2023 have been fulfilled, we thank you!

There is an orange sign-up sheet on the announcements bulletin board in the back of the Narthex for 2024. Please consider sponsoring this important communication tool for our congregation.

SHARE YOUR HAUNTED TRUNK!

Bring your trunk and join the Hauntingly Good Fun on October 29. There are lots of little ghosts and goblins looking for an evening of fun BUT WE NEED TRUNKS!

The event will be in the St. Paul parking lot from 4 - 5:30. Several TRUNK AWARDS will be given.



Sunday
October 29
4pm to 5:30pm
St. Paul
Parking Lot



St. Paul Lutheran Church Council Minutes for September 20, 2023

Council members present were Pastor Mark, Diane Wellsandt, Brian Weers, Peg Hemphill and Allen Roelfs. Gary Bergmeier was absent. “God Sightings” were shared and Pastor Mark offered a prayer. The minutes from the previous meeting were reviewed. Allen moved to accept the minutes and Diane seconded. The minutes were approved.

Treasurer's Report

Allen Roelfs reported that all the bills have been paid, but don't have the bill for the new furnace yet. We have around \$16,200 now to go toward it. We will decide later just how to pay the balance. Brian moved to accept the report and Jeanette seconded. Motion passed.

Memorial Treasurer's Report

The account received \$4.50 interest making the balance \$22,740.84. Peg moved to accept the report and Allen seconded. Motion passed.

Pastor's Report

2 worship services, 2 text studies, 2 Confirmation classes, 1 Youth meeting, 1 active remote meeting, 4 home communions, 1 funeral meeting, 1 pre-marital meeting.

Vice Chairman's Report

BVCA sent a thank-you letter for donations received. The women have a new funeral policy.

Committee Reports

Worship and Music – Pastor Mark talked to the Cluster pastor group about Zoom. Adult Forum Lite feedback has been good, and may start to include Confirmation students.

Christian Education – No report.

Food Stand – No report.

Property – No report.

Communication and Outreach – No report.

Memorial – No report.

Old Business

- Entry doors – frames aren't in yet, they have the glass, so it won't take long to install once they come in.
- Food left over from VBS – may use some of the leftover food for CrossWalk. Some hamburgers and some hot dogs may be sold.

New Business

- Health Insurance for Pastor – Pastor Mark is on Medicare, so health insurance for him is not a factor, but we need a contingency plan in case we lose Pastor and have to call someone who is new and needs insurance. The Bronze plan is the lowest cost plan, so we decided on that one so we have a plan on the books and can adjust from there. Allen moved that we approve the Bronze plan and Jeanette seconded the motion. Motion passed.
- Diane will be gone from September 23rd until October 3rd.
- Pastor Mark reported on the active remote tech meeting with Travis Panning in Wilber – he told those in the meeting that we would help Zoom group connection and some churches are interested.
- Ardun Dorn, on October 21st and 22nd, will present a Building Leaders Conference on what it means to serve in the church focusing on younger members, and Pastor Mark would like to have someone from our congregation attend the conference.
- Pastor wants to have Confirmation students have a “church day” to try to get them to church on a Sunday, will see if it works.
- We may try some new ideas about Children's Sermon, may call it something different.

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, October 18, 2023 at 7:30pm, committees meet at 6:30pm. Jeanette 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 9/20/2023

Current Balances

General Fund	\$16,386.41
Benevolence	\$ 2,449.00
<u>Designations</u>	<u>\$19,356.07</u>
Total	\$38,191.48

Operating Expenses

Available Cash	\$16,386.41
Remaining Bills	None
Remaining Bal	\$16,286.41



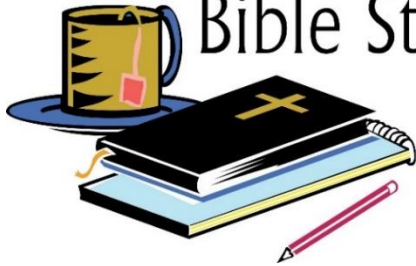
Offering Summary

	July	August	September
Current	\$ 14,051.20	\$ 7,274.20	\$ 5,916.60
Benevolence	\$ 242.80	\$ 1,220.80	\$ 1,085.40
Designated Funds	<u>\$ 28.00</u>	<u>\$ 168.00</u>	<u>\$ 130.00</u>
Totals	\$ 14,322.00	\$ 8,663.00	\$ 7,132.00

(partial month)

We need to receive **\$9,754.00** in **CURRENT** each month in order to meet our budget for 2023.

Women's Bible Study



September Eunice Circle

Eunice Circle met on September 11, 2023 at 1:30pm. Norma Banahan led our Bible Study. Holy Places – Home. In Jesus, God makes God's home with us on Earth.

Our study texts were from Genesis 2:4-9; Acts 2:1-12; 2 Corinthians 12:12-26; Hebrews 3:1-6; Revelation 21:1-4; Revelation 22:1-5. The focus verse – "And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, 'See, the home of God is among mortals. He will dwell with them as their God; they will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them.'" (Revelation 21:37).

We opened with prayer and Hymn, "Where True Charity and Love Abide". We closed with prayer and Hymn, "All Are Welcome" and The Lord's Prayer.

Norma called our meeting to order. Minutes were read and approved. Six (6) members answered roll call. Our Offering was \$25.00.

Old Business: Work Days – August 22nd and 29th.

New Business: Faith Formation children will pack some school kit bags on Wednesday, September 13th. Work Day on September 26th.

After Grace, Marla Weichel served refreshments.

Next Eunice Circle meeting will be October 9, 2023 at 1:30pm, September/October book. Irene Gibson will lead the Bible study.

~ Irene Gibson, Recorder

Mission Work Day

The quilters met on August 22 and 29.

We will meet on September 26 to tie quilts

and on October 1 to pack and label

boxes for shipping to LWR.

Boxes will be delivered to Omaha during that week

by Kendra K Weers.

Please come and join us!

SPREADING GOD'S GRACE



CROSSWALK is in FULL SWING

The halls are filled with excited voices and lots of energy on Wednesday afternoons at St. Paul. CrossWalk kicked off the year on September 13. An average of 35 students and 5 helpers have been attending.

Crosswalk Day 1 was a success! Fun day of meeting new faces and old.

We gave Bibles to the new kids and our 2nd graders and Story Bibles to several families who are just joining the CrossWalk program. We set a goal of filling the pop tab container 5X and in the first day we filled it 1 1/2 times!!!

Kids also got to fill backpacks for youth in other countries. A project our church has done for many years. Thank you Irene Gibson for always helping coordinate this project.

Day 2 I'm not sure we set a high enough pop tab goal...the kids keep bringing in bags and bags of them! Today we filled the tub ANOTHER 1 1/2 TIMES! That's a little over 3 tubs of pop tabs for the Ronald McDonald Foundation. They sure amaze us all! Kids started their journey through the Bible today with the creation story. They learned that God made THEM for a reason.

Day 3. No pop tabs but many summer and September birthdays were celebrated. We learned that God lets us choose between good and evil. We talked about the 'Sneaky Snake' (the devil) in the story and how we get tempted each day. Everybody is working on learning the books of the Bible with Sheri, and Tyler is helping us pray about our highs and lows.

~ Photos and article by Beth Roelfs



VBS KIDS HELP CARE FOR GOD'S CREATURES



VBS showed their generosity by making a big donation to the Beatrice Humane Society in mid-September.

Donations included food, litter, toys, Sharpie pens, bleach, dish soap, buckets of two sizes with lids and a lot of towels/sheet-like materials for the animals housed in the Humane Society.

THANK YOU to all who donated and made a real difference in the lives of the many animals cared for by the Humane Society!



YOUTH GROUP HAS FUN OUTING

The Youth Group of St. Paul had a fun evening on September 17th where they went canoeing at Cub Creek Recreational Area near Jansen then had a discussion and fellowship with Pastor Mark followed by a cookout dinner provided by sponsors Jamie and Sheri Schultis.

Youth members present were Kellan Schlichtman, Brennan Schultis and Joely Weers, with guest Preston Engelman from the Ellis Methodist church.



The impromptu choir sang "Hymn of Joy" from the OSB during our September 10th Worship service.

Thank you to those that come and share their music gifts. It truly makes our worship special!

COAT DRIVE is HAPPENING NOW

October is the time to clean out those closets and share any cold weather gear that may not be needed by your family. Items being collected include: coats, snow boots, gloves, mittens, snow pants, coveralls, and scarves for children, men and women. Donations can be hung on the hallway coat rack or in the collection basket. **ONLY SHARE GOOD QUALITY, CLEAN ITEMS PLEASE.** The campaign concludes on the 1st Sunday of November.



HELP FEED THE HUNGRY IN OUR COMMUNITY

Fall Food Drive will be held at St. Paul during the month of November. As you are shopping over the next month, consider adding a few items each week to share with others.

CONFIRMATION BEGINS WITH A BINGO!

The Confirmation students started off their year with a service project by going to Gardenside Care Center in Fairbury on September 13, 2023 and played Bingo with several of the residents.



Robert Weers was a big winner and earned lots of sweets. Before the group left, Pastor Mark took them down to Norris Gold's room and all said "Hi!"

~ Pictures and article by Kristen Hennerberg ~



We Celebrate a New Life

Congratulations to B.J. and Shannon Stein who welcomed their new daughter, Kate Ann, born September 15th weighing 5lbs 11 oz. Kate is joined at home by sisters Addison and Livia. Best wishes also go out to Grandma, Robbyn Roelfs and Great Grandparents, Norris and Jan Gold.

May God continue to bring blessings to your family.

Gratitude Thought by Women of the ELCA

The Women of our church are invited to reflect and act in gratitude for the many large and small blessings that make up our days through the Thank Offering Mission. Some women may give regularly, others occasionally, some may have not started. It is never too late to begin practicing gratitude. A few coins in a cup, an appreciative heart and a breath prayer of thanks is all it takes. ALL women of St. Paul will be invited to share their Thank Offerings during a worship service in late November. Watch the November Newscaster for details.



Normal day, let me be aware of the treasure you are. Let me learn from you, love you, savor you, bless you before you depart. Let me not pass you by in quest of some rare and perfect tomorrow.



We pray for our congregational members who are recovering

Wilma Saathoff had back surgery early in September. She is at home and doing fine. Our thoughts are with her as she continues to recover.

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:

*Eldean Banahan, Robert Weers, Norris Gold,
Toni Landenberger, Tyler Wolken, Mike Balderson
and Norm Balderson*

HOME COMING



The Diller-Odell Homecoming game vs. Lourdes Central Catholic was on Friday, September 29. It was a hard-fought game that was tied until the last 4 seconds when LCC made the game-winning score.

Congratulations to Keira Hennerberg of St. Paul Lutheran for being crowned Homecoming Queen and Homecoming King was Callan McKinney of Odell.

Also in the Homecoming Court from St. Paul were Cole Ebeling, Kellan Schlichtman and Zachary Warren.

Congratulations to all our church members of the Homecoming Court and to the Griffins for putting forth a valiant effort at the game.



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY



October Wedding Anniversary

October 10, 1998

Mr. & Mrs. Chris & Stacy Schlichtman



October Birthdays



- 1 Jeremy Meyer
- 1 Corina Lottman
- 2 Jill Scheele
- 2 Jill Holliger
- 2 Lance Lawton
- 4 Pastor Mark Liscom
- 4 Steve Fugett
- 6 Megan Langenberg
- 6 Griffin Zabokrtsky
- 7 Jill Lottman
- 7 Cale Clifford
- 9 John Denner, Jr.

- 9 Sarah Meyer
- 9 Jarod Gold
- 9 Madeline Lottman
- 9 Valerie Lottman
- 10 Jeanette Bures
- 14 Jonathan Schmidt
- 15 Zachary Warren
- 15 Tynleigh Sasse
- 16 Kendra K Weers
- 17 David Duis
- 18 Phyllis Wiemers

- 18 Kevin Banahan
- 19 Josie Hennerberg
- 20 Marla Weichel
- 20 Bradley Hawkins
- 21 Scott Pretzer
- 22 Robert Weers
- 25 Janet Whitehead
- 26 Patrick Hemphill
- 27 Linda Beran
- 29 Dylan Nippert
- 31 Sheri Schultis
- 31 Samantha Clifford

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!



**October 1 Sunday Worship Service
with Holy Communion**

*Worship Assistant – Jamie Schultis
Greeter – Gary Bergmeier
Coffee Service – Kendra S. Weers, Kalli Roelfs*

October 8 Sunday Worship Service

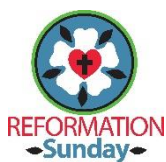
*Worship Assistant – Brian Weers
Greeter – Jim Bures
Coffee Service – Kendra K Weers, Deb Nippert*

October 15 Sunday Worship Service

*Worship Assistant – Kendra K Weers
Greeter – Dennis Nippert
Coffee Service – Ardith Barber, Kristen Heidemann*

October 22 Sunday Worship Service

*Worship Assistant – Diane Wellsandt
Greeter – Dean Pretzer
Coffee Service – Jeanette Bures, Jill Scheele*



**October 29 Sunday Worship Service
Reformation Sunday**

*Worship Assistant – David Henrichs
Greeter – Charles Barber
Coffee Service – Robbyn Roelfs, Kendra K Weers*



**November 5 Sunday Worship Service
With Holy Communion
First Communion
All Saints Sunday and Memorial Dedication**

*Worship Assistant – Brian Weers
Greeter – Gary Bergmeier
Coffee Service – Jane Pretzer, Jill Zabokrtsky*



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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
<p><i>Red Hymnal</i> 1 Worship Service Holy Communion 9:30 AM</p>	2	3	<p>4</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;"> <p>CROSS WALK Christian Ed 4:00pm</p> </div> <p>Confirmation Parents Night 7:00pm</p>	5	6	7
<p><i>Blue Hymnal</i> 8 Worship Service 9:30 AM</p>	<p><i>Eunice</i> <i>Circle</i> 1:30pm</p>	10	<p>11</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;"> <p>CROSS WALK Christian Ed 4:00pm</p> </div> <p>Confirmation Service Project 7:00pm</p>	12	13	14
<p><i>Red Hymnal</i> 15 Worship Service 9:30 AM</p>	16	17	<p>18</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;"> <p>CROSS WALK Christian Ed 4:00pm</p> </div> <p>NO Confirmation Committees/ Council Meetings 6:30/7:30pm</p>	19	<p><i>Newscaster</i> <i>Items Due</i></p>	21
<p><i>Blue Hymnal</i> 22 Worship Service 9:30 AM</p>	<div style="border: 2px solid blue; padding: 2px;"> <p>Theological Conference Through 27th</p> </div>	<p>24 <i>Work</i> <i>Day</i> All Day</p>	<p>25</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;"> <p>CROSS WALK Christian Ed 4:00pm</p> </div> <p>Confirmation 7:00pm</p>	26	27	<p>28 First Communion and Acolyte Class 10:30am - Noon</p>
<p><i>Red Hymnal</i> 29 Worship Service 9:30 AM</p> <p>trunk OR treat 4 – 5:30pm</p>	30	<p>31 <i>Reformation</i></p>	<p>First Communion Sunday, November 5</p>			



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