

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.*

March 2020

Pastor Mark Liscom

Lenten Series

Each year we have confirmation Sunday. And on that day, confirmands get up in front of the congregation and hear these words:

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

- To live among God's faithful people,
- To hear the word of God and share in the Lord's supper,
- To proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed
- To serve all people following the example of our Lord Jesus Christ,
- And to strive for justice and peace on the earth?

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

It's a lofty goal, but one that we claim is possible! This year, our Lenten series will address each of these responses to God that outline a basic understanding of the Christian life. The series will be a "Round Robin" and each week one of these covenants will be addressed.

Look forward to seeing you there!

Pastor Mark

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In Honor of their 44th Anniversary

and

The Damrow Family

In Honor of Franklin's 98th Birthday

*Congratulations on your anniversary
and a big HAPPY BIRTHDAY to Franklin!!*

***Please note that the sign-up sheet for 2020 sponsorships is up and two sponsorships are available.
Please consider sponsoring a Newscaster to continue providing this communication tool
to the members of the congregation.***

**JOIN US FOR
WORLD DAY OF PRAYER 2020**

Friday, March 6th is World Day of Prayer 2020. World Day of Prayer is an ecumenical celebration of informed prayer and prayerful action.

Please join us at this year's service hosted by our Women of the ELCA here at St. Paul's beginning at 6:30 p.m.

Invite your friends, family, and communities of faith to join the women of Zimbabwe in prayer and song to support ecumenical efforts toward justice, peace and healing. The annual offering supports the work of World Day of Prayer USA and helps meet the needs of families in Zimbabwe and around the world who are victims of many forms of poverty, violence, and injustice. Women, men, and children in more than 170 countries and regions will celebrate World Day of Prayer. This year, the women of the WDP Committee of Zimbabwe call us to worship considering the words "Rise! Take Your Mat and Walk." With these words as backdrop, we are invited to learn about Zimbabwe's history and rich cultural diversity.

St. Paul Lutheran Church Council Minutes for February 19, 2020

The meeting was opened with a prayer from Vice Chairman Jamie Schultis. Members present were Jamie Schultis, Darin Weers, Melvin Beran, Charles Barber, Allen Roelfs, and Tyler Wolken as well as new members Gary Bergmeier and David Henrichs. Pastor Mark was not present due to vacation. The minutes from January were reviewed. Allen moved to accept the minutes and Darin seconded. Minutes were approved.

Treasurer's Report

Allen reported that the total operating cash available was \$142.65. Norris and Solution One are still need to be paid. All of the bill are expected to be paid but will be a little short this month. Darin moved to accept the treasurer's report and Jamie seconded. Treasurer's report was approved.

Memorial Treasurer's Report

Darin reported that balance in the account was \$8331.34. Tyler moved to accept the Memorial Treasurer's report and David seconded. Memorial Treasurer's report approved.

Pastors Report- N/A- Pastor Mark will give January's report in the March meeting.

Melvin moved to thank the outgoing council members and accept the two new incoming council members (Gary Bergmeier and David Henrichs). Charlie moved to accept the motion and Allen seconded. Motion passed. Gary and David will now serve as council members for the next three years.

Election of Officers

- Vice Chair- Both Jamie and Gary were nominated. A vote was taken, 3-Schultis 2- Bergmeier 1-Obstain Jamie Schultis was re-elected to Vice Chair
- Treasurer- Gary Bergmeier was nominated. David ceased nominations. Gary was voted in as treasurer.
- Secretary- Tyler Wolken was nominated. Darin ceased nominations. Tyler was voted in as secretary.
- Financial Secretary- Melvin Beran was nominated. David ceased nominations. Melvin was voted in as financial secretary.
- Memorial Secretary- Darin Weers was nominated. Tyler ceased nominations. Darin was voted in as memorial secretary.

Vice Chairman Report

Jamie wanted to thank Charlie Barber, Allen Roelfs, and Cindy Lottman for serving on the church council.

Election of new committee chairman(s).

- **Christian Education-** Tyler Wolken
- **Memorial-** Darin Weers
- **Property-** Melvin Beran, Gary Bergmeier, and David Henrichs
- **Communication and Outreach-** Jamie Schultis and Darin Weers
- **Music and Worship-** Jamie Schultis
- **Nominating-** Melvin Beran and Jamie Schultis
- **Food Stand-** David Henrichs

Committee Reports

- **Christian Education-** Crosswalk is still having great success. Averaging 20+ youth each Wednesday. This group is still looking for individuals who would consider volunteering help lead sessions. We want this group to continue to grow and be successful and are always looking for volunteers. Contact anyone of the committee if you would consider helping. Vacation Bible School is being penciled in for June 8-12. We are always looking for volunteers to help with this program.
- **Memorial-** A down payment of \$5000 will be made toward the church lighting project to Crescent Electric. The lighting project has a projected finish date of March 12.
- **Property-** Gary talked with Ed Hajek and will be getting a bid from him soon to reconstruct the old Sunday school area by taking out the first two rooms. (Chair/table storage room and Nursery). Diller Electric will get the bid for the rewiring of these two room for their help and efforts of installing the new lights in the sanctuary. We appreciate them working with us and keeping it at a minimal cost.
- **Communication/Outreach-** Jane Pretzer will be typing up a letter to be able to send out to visitor/guests to St. Paul. The group is looking at having a sign-up sheet to get a group together to visit shut-ins and elderly of the church.
- **Music/Worship-** This group will be meeting February 24th to discuss Lent events and services.

OLD BUSINESS

- The council is looking in to have Church Mutual do a safety audit of the church to see if we are up to code or need to make any other improvements.

NEW BUSINESS

- Wednesday, March 4 Church Council will be hosting the first Wednesday meal of the Lenten season. The meal will begin at 6:30PM with service to follow at 7:30. Council will be making soup, sandwiches, and desserts. There is a sign-up sheet at the back of the church for the remaining Wednesday evening meals if you or a group would like to host meal.
- It is with heavy heart that Randy Behrends, son of Bill and Becky Behrends, is facing some serious health complications and we ask that you keep him and his family in our prayers.
- Lastly, the council took time to review the Envision team goals and see if we are headed in the right direction. The council will continue to work toward these goals and hold each other, Pastor Mark and the congregation accountable to our commitment to these goals.

The next Council meeting will be held Tuesday, March 17 at 7:30PM. Committees are still encouraged to meet prior to this meeting at 6:30PM. We are truly encourage everyone to join a committee and offer their help and talents where they feel they can assist. Darin moved to adjourn the meeting and Melvin seconded. Meeting adjourned. The meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer.

- Tyler Wolken, Council Secretary

TREASURER'S REPORT

General Fund Balance as of 2/18/2020

\$ 142.65

Bills Due by end of February

Norris (est.) \$250.00

Solution One (est.) \$148.00

Total Due:

\$ 398.00



January/February

Last Month: January

Current	\$ 10,505.00
Benevolence	1,327.00
World Hunger	25.00
Specials	73.00
TOTAL	\$ 11,930.00

Current Month: February

Current	\$ 2,937.60
Benevolence	244.40
World Hunger	998.25
Specials	85.00
TOTAL	\$ 4,265.25

We need **\$10,170.97** in **CURRENT** per month to meet the 2020 budget.

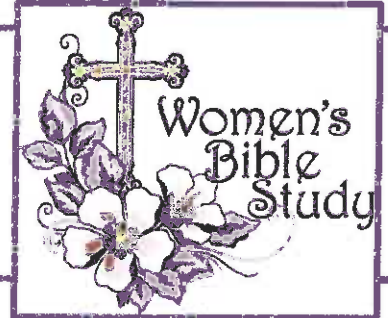
Please note that **we are very short of funds** needed for expenses for the coming month.

Prayerfully consider what you are able to give to help our church meet our obligations.

Special Women's Bible Study Series

A special series of Bible Study will be taking place during Lent in March and April on Monday evenings at 7pm and will be led by Jill Bergmeier.

The last meeting will be on April 16th. All women are invited and encouraged to attend, we would love to have you!



Women's
STUDY
GROUP



Eunice Circle

Eunice Circle met on February 10, 2020 at 1:30pm. Linda Behrends led our Bible Study, "We Are Called!" Disciples of Christ. Jesus invites us all to take up the cross and follow him. Just as God called our ancestors in faith, God calls us.

Our Study Texts were from Mark 1:16 – 20; Mark 2:13-19; Mark 8:27 – 9:1; Luke 9:1 – 6; Luke 10: 1 – 12; Acts 7:54 – 8:3; Acts 9:1 – 30.

We opened with a prayer and Hymn, "We Are Called." We closed with prayer and Hymn, "Take My Life, That I May Be," and The Lord's Prayer.

Norma called our meeting to order. Minutes were read and approved. Five (5) members answered Roll Call. Our offering \$ 16.00.

Old Business: Eunice Circle members, Marla Weichel, will apply for a Thrivent Action Teams grant of \$250. If asked, we will give a program for WELCA August meeting. Work Day on January 28th.

New Business: World Day of Prayer is March 6, 2020 at Diller. We will give the program at the August 2020 WELCA Meeting. Spring Salad Supper will be April 19, 2020. Spring Gathering will be March 21, 2020 at DeWitt, bring your own coffee cup. There is an \$ 18.00 charge. Work Day will be Tuesday, February 25th.

After Grace, Cleo Perkins served refreshments.

Next Eunice Circle meeting will be March 9, 2020 at 1:30pm, March book. Norma Banahan will be Bible Study leader.

- Irene Gibson, Recorder



ST. PAUL WOMEN OF THE ELCA
Unit Meeting
February 5, 2020



The Women of the ELCA held its first Unit Meeting of 2020 on Wednesday, February 5, at 7:00 p.m. The meeting was attended by six women and Mallory.

President Ardith Barber opened the meeting with a reading about "Change." Change... the word alone brings so many different emotions to the surface and meanings to each individual. In our change, we sometimes seem to lose focus on God and we want to control the situation ourselves. We have to remember to TRUST God with the change, because He will use all change for the good. *"For I, the Lord your God, will hold your right hand, saying to you, 'Fear not, I will help you.'* Isaiah 41:13. God will give us strength in times of change in our lives.

The business meeting followed. New officers for 2020 are President - Ardith Barber, Vice President - Linda Behrends, Secretary - Peggy Hemphill, and Treasurer - Jeanette Bures. Minutes of the last meeting were read by Secretary, Peggy Hemphill. There being no corrections or additions, the minutes were approved as read. Jeanette Bures gave the treasurer's report which was also approved as read. She reported that we have a current balance of \$697.40. A thank you card from Corina Lottman for the college care kit was read.

Committee chairs for 2020 will be as follows:

Work Groups - Jane	College Students - Ardie
Monthly Cards - Peggy	Eunice Circle - Norma
Work Day - Carolyn	Prayer Books - Jeanette
Baby Care Kits - Ardie	Kitchen - Jeanette
School Kits - Irene	

Motions were made and approved to pay the following:

- ~ 50% of our offering to the Synod this year.
- ~ \$75 twice a year to Blue Valley Community Action, St. John Food Pantry and Wymore (Southern Gage) Food Pantry for a year total of \$150 to each organization.
- ~ Spring Gathering offering of \$75.

World Day of Prayer will be held Friday, March 6, 2020, here at St. Paul's. The program will be on the Women of Zimbabwe and begin with a small lunch at 6:30 p.m. with the program to follow. All women of the church are invited and encouraged to attend.

The Spring Salad Supper will be held on Sunday, April 19, 2020. The program will be presented by "Beloved," a group of local young ladies expressing their faith through song and scripture.

Our group will again serve a light lunch prior to one of the Lenten services.

Volunteers signed up to continue with the card project for the shut-ins again this year. A sign-up sheet will be left in the fellowship area so that women of the church may volunteer to help with this project.

Our next Unit Meeting will be May 6, 2020, at 7:00 p.m. Offering for the evening was \$53. Thank you to Jeanette for serving refreshments.

~ Submitted by Peggy Hemphill

It is with great sadness that we remember two of our long-time members of our church and community.

Virginia Lottman passed away on February 10, 2020 at her home. Her services were at St. Paul Lutheran on Friday, February 14 with Pastor Mark Liscom officiating.

Our deepest sympathies go to her family and many friends. She will be greatly missed by her church family and the community she gave so much to.

Richard Schnuelle passed away on February 20, 2020 at Homestead House in Beatrice. His services were at St. Paul Lutheran on Monday, February 24 with Pastor Mark Liscom officiating.

Richard's kind heart and gentle way will be greatly missed by his family, friends, church family and community.

Our Deepest Sympathy goes to both families at this time of loss.

May you always feel God's presence and love as you mourn.



YOUTH NEWS

◆ The Youth will have a meeting and pizza party on March 8 at 6:30 at the Parsonage and another meeting on March 29, also at the Parsonage at 6:30pm. Please join us for some fun, food and fellowship!

◆ Congratulations to the Speech Team for a fantastic competitive season! Good luck at Districts and State!



Congratulations to Haley Jones for being recognized as Student Volunteer of the Year from Odell. Thank you for your giving spirit!



FFA Week is in full swing with the "Drive Your Equipment to School" Day at the High School. It is fun to see our youth be involved in this important program.



GUEST PASTOR REV. ERIC SPRUTH-JANSEN

On February 16, Pastor Mark was on vacation to spend time with his family, and we were blessed with guest pastor, Eric Spruth-Jansen from St. James Lutheran in Elk Creek near Humboldt and MOSAIC in Beatrice.

His sermon was about the impossible ethic of the Ten Commandments, how we, as flawed humans, can hear and interpret the Commandments as a standard we are to meet. Jesus seeks for us to be in a right relationship with each other. That is what the Ten Commandments are all about; our relationships with each other and how we treat each other. He reminded us that we should be a *blessing* to each other, not their judge. It was an interesting and thoughtful message.

Thank you for sharing your message with us!



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:

*Jane Pretzer had surgery and is home and recovering well
The Family of Randy Behrends as he begins chemotherapy
The Family of Virginia Lottman
The Family of Richard Schnuelle*

Please remember our Homebound and Shut-ins and all who are in need of God's healing Grace:

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





Sweetheart Supper

February 9, 2020



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

Thank you to our Youth group. The small group did a wonderful job, and we thank you for always making this event so special.



Confirmation Class



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Confirmation classes during Lent will be on Sunday evenings (see calendar) and also the round-robin guest preacher series on Wednesdays.

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

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".

Church Lighting Project Update



As March approaches, the Memorial Committee has purchased six new light fixtures. The fixtures for the sanctuary will be installed shortly after arrival. Thanks to Doug Schmidt and Committee members (Brian Weers, Darin Weers, Diane Wellsandt, Robbyn Roelfs and Donna Damrow) for devoting many hours of research and discussion to complete the lighting project.

The lighting project is a memorial gift to the congregation. A sincere and appreciative Thank You to the families of Edwin Schmidt, Faye Schmidt, Angie Weers, Charles Barber Sr., Verneal Barber and Irene Pretzer for this memorial. If you have questions, please contact Donna Damrow, 793-5370.

"God is light and in Him no darkness at all." ~ 1 John 1:5

Lent began on Ash Wednesday, February 26 and services will be held at 7:30pm. This year, Lenten Services at St. Paul will be "Round Robin" with a different pastor from our cluster preaching every week. We will also have a small "soup supper" before services starting at 6:30 beginning March 4. The Church Council has agreed to do the first one, but we are looking for other people who could work together for the ones to follow. If you can help with this, please talk to Pastor Mark or a Council member as soon as possible. Thanks!

We would love for you to be a part of this fellowship. Please join us!

Lent



The new 2020 St. Paul Church Directory will soon be printed. Anyone having any changes or corrections please email to Jane Pretzer at dpretz@diodecom.net
Thanks for your cooperation.

Happy Birthday

March Birthdays



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	Karter Sasse
6	Daniel Fallier	21	Piper Hemphill
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		

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 1 Sunday Worship Service
 With Holy Communion
 Worship Assistant, Diane Wellsandt
 Greeter, Gary Bergmeier

March 4 Lenten Service
 Greeter, Dennis Nippert

March 8 Sunday Worship Service
 Worship Assistant, Jamie Schultis
 Greeter, Jim Bures

March 11 Lenten Service
 Greeter, Dean Pretzer

March 15 Sunday Worship Service
 Worship Assistant, Brian Weers
 Greeter, Charles Barber

March 18 Lenten Service
 Greeter, Jim Damrow

March 22 Sunday Worship Service
 Worship Assistant, Kendra K Weers
 Greeter, Gary Bergemeier

March 25 Lenten Service
 Greeter, Dennis Nippert

March 29 Sunday Worship Service
 Worship Assistant, Diane Wellsandt
 Greeter, Jim Bures



April 5 Palm Sunday Worship Service
 With Holy Communion
 Worship Assistant, Jim Damrow
 Greeter, Charles Barber



Brett Landenberger
 Doug Lottman
 Chad Lottman
 Don Meyer

Dennis Nippert
 Dean Pretzer
 Tanner Parde
 Scott Pretzer

Adam Roelfs
 Dean Roelfs
 Allen Roelfs
 Chris Schlichtman

Kevin Sasse
 Riley Sasse
 Karter Sasse
 Tim Scheele

Jonathan Schmidt
 Christopher Schmidt
 Doug Schmidt
 B. J. Stein

Jamie Schultis
 Brian Weers
 Russell Schultis
 Robert Weers



Keira Hennerberg

Zachary Warren

Brennan Schultis

David Parde

Myleigh Weers

Cole Ebeling
 Peyton Denner



Pastor Mark

Sheri Schultis

Kristen Heidemann

Cheryl Denner

David/Sherry Henrichs

Pastor Mark



Leatha Christ
 Sondra Germer

Judy DeBoer
 Courtney Lottman

Judy Garton
 Susan Meyer

Jeanette Bures
 Jill Scheele

Jan Gold
 Radene Beran

Peggy Hemphill
 Kalli Roelfs

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

March 2020



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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
<p><i>Red Hymnal</i> 1 Worship Service Holy Communion 9:30 AM Confirmation Parents' Night 7:00pm</p>	<p>2 <i>Women's Bible Study</i> 7pm</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4 CROSS WALK Christian Ed 4:00pm Soup Supper 6:30pm Lenten Service 7:30PM</p>	<p>5</p>	<p>6 World Prayer St. Paul Lutheran Church 6:30pm</p>	<p>7 SPRING FORWARD</p>
<p><i>Blue Hymnal</i> 8 Worship Service 9:30 AM DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME BEGINS Girl Scouts Sunday Youth Meeting/Pizza Party 6:30 at Parsonage </p>	<p>9 <i>Eunice Circle</i> 1:30pm <i>Women's Bible Study</i> 7pm</p>	<p>10</p>	<p>11 CROSS WALK Christian Ed 4:00pm Soup Supper 6:30PM Lenten Service 7:30PM</p>	<p>12</p>	<p>13</p>	<p>14 WELCA Spring Gathering Registration and payment due</p>
<p><i>Red Hymnal</i> 15 Worship Service 9:30 AM</p>	<p>16 <i>Women's Bible Study</i> 7pm</p>	<p>17 Committees and Council Meetings 6:30/7:30pm</p>	<p>18 CROSS WALK Christian Ed 4:00pm Soup Supper 6:30PM Lenten Service 7:30PM</p>	<p>19 The First Day of Spring</p>	<p>20 Newscaster items DUE</p>	<p>21 WELCA Spring Gathering at Trinity Lutheran DeWitt, NE 8:30am</p>
<p><i>Blue Hymnal</i> 22 Worship Service 9:30 CONFIRMATION 7:00pm</p>	<p>23 <i>Women's Bible Study</i> 7pm</p>	<p>24 Work Day All Day</p>	<p>25 CROSS WALK Christian Ed 4:00pm Soup Supper 6:30pm Lenten Service 7:30PM</p>	<p>26</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28</p>
<p><i>Red Hymnal</i> 29 Worship Service 9:30 AM Youth Meeting 6:30 at Parsonage</p>	<p>30 <i>Women's Bible Study</i> 7pm</p>	<p>31 Work Day All Day</p>	<p>Please check the Weekly Bulletin for updates to this calendar.</p>			



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