

St. Paul's Newscaster



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The Protestant Principle

We live in a society where the word "principle" is bantered around a lot. Conservative principles, liberal principles are all offered to the public in a very sacred sort of way. Christians who fall into this use of "principle" often appeal to "biblical principles". The idea is that there are all of these absolute "truths" in the world that come from God and cannot be questioned.

I'm very wary of this. The reason is very simple. These are attempts in my view to achieve power, control, and domination over others. Once I establish myself as a "person of principle" then what I am doing cannot be questioned. I establish my superiority over all other views and viewpoints. Then, I am the "good" one, and all who oppose me or disagree are "bad".

Our Lutheran tradition teaches that there is one principle. Just one. This is called the Protestant Principle, and it was core of the Reformation and beginning of our church. It is a very simple teaching: Nothing is absolute except God. Anything else is not absolute.

So....my sermons are not perfect. Our church is not perfect. Our understandings are not perfect. And ESPECIALLY my "principles" and my "values" are imperfect. They are not absolute. All who offer their conservative or liberal or biblical principles as if they cannot be questioned are to be resisted. We will resist the temptation of humankind to be God.

The Protestant Principle leads to humility. It leads to vulnerability because I know that in the end I am weak and need help. The Protestant Principle means that I now know "only in part" (Romans 13), so I need other people who see things differently. The Protestant Principle then opens us up to the reality of relating to God and others with Christ at the center, not ourselves.

Grace alone, Faith alone, Christ alone. Nothing else is absolute. The Protestant Principle.

Pastor Mark

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There is one more sponsorship available for December 2016. Please consider helping to provide this important service and communication to your fellow Newscaster recipients.

Please Help!!

We are in **urgent** need for two volunteers to go to Synod Assembly in Kearney on June 3rd and 4th and represent our congregation.

Help keep our congregation "in the loop" with our Synod, plus it's informative and FUN!!

Please let Pastor Mark know if you are able to help.



NEWSCASTER CO-EDITOR NEEDED!!



As the years go on, I have realized that being the Newscaster Editor is too much for me alone. My children are involved in many activities that take place EVERY day of the week, and they will always take precedence in my life. So, I have made the decision to either get some help with the Newscaster, or resign as the Editor. Please let Kendra know by **August 1** if you are willing to help. Thanks!

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 21** (if you want your picture and info in the June-July Newscaster), and the information needed is the name (First, Middle, Last) of the graduate, parents' or grandparents' (ONLY) names, name of school, school colors, degree earned and future plans. Please submit wallet-sized pictures or email to kweers10@gmail.com. Thanks!!



St. Paul Lutheran Church Council Minutes for April 20, 2016

Pastor Mark opened the meeting with prayer and a video clip from "Healthy Soul." Members present were Charles Barber, Marcy Barber, Scott Beran, Jamie Hennerberg, David Henrichs and Jean Schmidt.

Minutes from the March meeting were reviewed. Charles moved to accept and Marcy seconded. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report

Current Balance: \$ 1,777.36. All bills have been paid except for April Portico. Jean moved to accept and Charles seconded. Motion passed.

Memorial Treasurer's Report

Current Balance \$ 12,928.23 (plus interest). The Women of the ELCA are looking into ornaments for the Christmas Tree that would be paid for from memorials.

Pastors Report

N/A

Vice Chairman's Report

N/A

Committee Reports

- Christian Education has met to plan Bible School, which will be May 22-26. Kickoff on Sunday, May 22 6-8:30pm, and beginning Monday, May 23-26 will be from 8:30-11:00am. The program will be on Sunday, May 29 during church services. Volunteers are needed to help.
- Mutual Ministry has met. The committee continues to work on the mission goal and purpose.
- Property has finished insulating the attic. A big thank you to those that have been involved! The church lawn has been sprayed, thanks, Gary! And the parking lot has been sprayed, thanks, Brian! Charles reported that 5 people have volunteered to help mow.

Old Business

- The new projector is here. The computer is on the way.
- The paperwork for Cassie Lottman has been completed and sent in.
- Auditors have been selected. Sherry Henrichs will finish out David Henrichs' 1-year term. Tim Scheele stays on with 2 years left, and Dean Pretzer accepted the 3-year term.
- Confirmation will be held on Sunday, May 1. There are 5 students being confirmed.
- No one has shown interest in attending Synod Convention. We still need representatives.

New Business

- Dr. Rev. Delmar Wiemers will be recognized for 55 years of service during this year's Synod Convention. Congratulations, Delmar!!
- Discussion was held on getting the Newscaster in the mail in a timely manner. There is concern that first week activities are over before the Newscaster is available and people miss them.

The next council meeting will be Wednesday, May 18 at 7:30pm. David made a motion to adjourn and Jamie seconded, motion passed. The meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer.

- Jean Schmidt Council Secretary

COUNCIL TREASURER'S REPORT			
General Fund Balance as of 4/19/2016		\$ 1,777.36	
Bills Due by end of April:	Portico	\$ 3,711.79	
	Total Due:	\$ 3,711.79	
March/April			
<i>Last Month: March</i>		<i>Current Month: April</i>	
Current	\$ 9,214.48	Current	\$ 10,063.50
Benevolence	1,153.12	Benevolence	671.50
World Hunger	25.00	World Hunger	25.00
Specials	165.00	Specials	100.85
TOTAL	\$ 10,557.60	TOTAL	\$ 10,814.85
We need \$11,763.97 in CURRENT per month to meet the 2016 budget.			



Southeast Conference Spring Gathering

“A friendly smile makes you happy and good news makes you feel strong.” Proverbs 15:30 was the theme verse for the Spring Gathering of the Southeast Conference Nebraska Synodical Women’s Organization. Hosted by the American Lutheran Church, Fairbury, the event was held Saturday, April 23, 2016 with 111 attendees.

The morning worship service was conducted by Pastor Brian Julin-McCleary. Singing was led by Natalie Julin-McCleary. Reports were presented by the NSW0 President Nancy Johnson and NSW0 Treasurer Sandy Terry.

Eunice Stewart of Fairbury explained the program she is involved with in helping the Latino population living in our area. She introduced a Mother and her three children who presently reside in Fairbury.

Speakers included Joanne Hull from Lutheran Family Services, Heather Abbott from NLOM-Camp Carol Joy Holling and a presentation was read from Carmen Hinman of Hope Crisis Center.

Ladies attending from St. Paul’s, Diller, were Norma Banahan, Jeanette Banahan, Carolyn Schultis and Jane Pretzer.

Christ Lutheran Church in Pickrell, will host the 2017 Spring Gathering.

Work Day

Meeting April 26, nine quilts were put together, had good help and an enjoyable time, sharing what we have to give hope and comfort to others.

Much ripping and sorting was also done.

We’ll work again May 24th and 31st. Consider helping, it’s a joy to have the means to help others.

God be with us all!

God’s Work, Our Hands





Spring Salad Supper

Blest be the Tie That Binds - Aprons was the program theme for St. Paul's annual Salad Supper held April 17, 2016. Tables were decorated with spring flower arrangements and colorful tea pots. There were many styles of aprons also on display.

The welcome was given by Jane Pretzer, WELCA President. Guests were introduced and everyone enjoyed tasting the many delightful salads shared by those in attendance.

A humorous reading about the many uses of Aprons was given by Linda Beran. Robbyn Roelfs and Jane Pretzer shared Apron Trivia. A memory Apron game was enjoyed with Carolyn Schultis.

The ladies each brought or wore a special apron and the highlight of the evening was the sharing of memories of those special aprons along with modeling each one. Many wore aprons made by their Mothers and Grandmothers.

The group enjoyed singing the hymn "Blest Be the Tie that Binds" with Peggy Hemphill serving as our accompanist.

2015 Prayer Partners were revealed and new 2016 Prayer Partners were drawn.

Hosting the evening were members of the Executive Committee: Linda Beran, Carolyn Schultis, Robbyn Roelfs and Jane Pretzer. They were assisted by Beth Lee Beran, Radene Beran and Diane Wellsandt.



Warren's Community Table May 10

St. Paul's WELCA will once again be serving a meal at Warren's Table in Beatrice on May 10, 2016. Monetary donations are being accepted to purchase needed grocery supplies.

Serving as co-hosts are Cleo Perkins and Betty Damrow. Anyone wishing to make a donation please contact either Cleo or Betty. Your support is greatly appreciated!!!

St. Paul's WELCA Unit Meeting

Wednesday, May 18, 2016

7:00 p.m.



*Bible Study led by Pastor Mark Liscom
Topic: Planting Seeds*

Business meeting to follow---summer activities will be discussed and reports given

All women of the church are encouraged to attend.



Patrick and Bri Anne Hemphill of Roca are parents of a new baby boy named Beckham Charles born March 17th, 2016. Beckham has an older sister, Piper.

Grandparents are Steve and Peggy Hemphill and Great-Grandparents are Franklin and Betty Damrow.

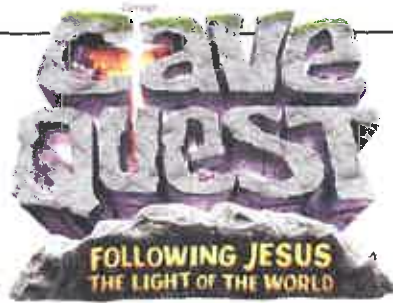
May God bless you and the new addition to your family!

Please remember in your prayers Robert Weers, who recently had surgery, and Marcy Barber, who had knee surgery

Also, please remember 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.





Vacation Bible School

May 22 – 26, 2016

Submitted by Christian Education Committee

Vacation Bible School time is here! This year our theme is "Cave Quest; Following Jesus: The Light of the World." We will start on **Sunday, May 22 from 6:00-8:30 p.m.** Then we will meet from **8:30-11:00 a.m. Monday, May 23-Thursday, May 26.** We will have a program on Sunday, May 29 during the church service.

Please consider volunteering your time and talents to help with our Vacation Bible School. We will be following the same format as we have in the past using stations that children rotate to and learn about the bible story in different ways. Each station has a scripted lesson on what to do and share with the children. There are 5 different stations that we need help with at Vacation Bible School. The stations for everyone this year will be:

*Deep Bible Quests

*Spelunker Sports and Games

*Cavern Café

*KidVid Cinema

*Imagination Station

Summer schedules are busy; but please consider giving your time for all days or even just one day if that is what your schedule allows! We also encourage individuals to visit with their friends and family and sign up together to work a station. It is perfectly ok that 2-3 people sign up together for one night for the same station. There will be a sign-up sheet at church for people to write down what days they are willing to help with.

Registration forms for Vacation Bible School are available in the back of the church with a \$10 registration fee. Please feel free to share with family and friends! They can be returned to church or bring the form the first night of Vacation Bible School.

This year for offering we will be collecting food items for the local food pantry. We encourage the congregation to join in our efforts.

If you have any questions about Vacation Bible School, please contact the Christian Education Committee.

On April 24th, St. Paul's Youth again assisted with the Sunday morning worship service and coffee fellowship hour.

Greeter was Christopher Schmidt and Ushers were Bryston Warren, Caleb Schultis, Jesse Scheele and Jonathan Schmidt. Worship Assistant was Cody Scheele. The Children's Sermon was by Kelsay Schlichtman, who talked about when you buy things, you can get a "guarantee," but the only TRUE guarantee comes from God and Jesus with the guarantee of forgiveness and love. First and second reading of Scripture was also by Kelsay Schlichtman and the Gospel was read by Jonathan Schmidt.

The refreshments were served by Hollie Crawford and Hayley Denner. This was the last youth-led worship service until Fall.

Please check the website and the June/July Newscaster for information about the annual Youth Float Trip. Have a great Summer!





St. Paul Lutheran Confirmation May 1, 2016



Confirmation at St. Paul Lutheran took place on Sunday, May 1, 2016.

On the Right, Jane Pretzer presents the confirmands with their prayer books.
On the left, the confirmands undergo the sacrament of Affirmation of Baptism.

Our Confirmands for 2016 are (as pictured above, left to right)
Neleigh Weers, Samantha Clifford, Nicolaus Engelman, Haley Jones and Hannah Ebeling.

Congratulations to all of you!

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

May Wedding Anniversaries

May 1, 1981

☛ Mr. & Mrs. Gail & Brenda Engelman

May 15, 1960

☛ Mr. & Mrs. Kenneth Landenberger

May 20, 1978

☛ Mr. & Mrs. Keith & Cindy Bartlett

May 24, 1980

☛ Mr. & Mrs. Douglas & Glenda Spilker

May 24, 1991

☛ Mr. & Mrs. Jim & Cathy Lyons

May 25, 1974

☛ Mr. & Mrs. Steve & Peggy Hemphill

May 31, 1969

☛ Mr. & Mrs. Howard & Linda Behrends



May Birthdays

2 Virginia Lottman

2 Jan Liscom

4 John Garcia

6 Eldean Banahan

14 Addison Heidemann

15 Devin Garcia

15 Calvin Hennerberg

15 Camille Hennerberg

15 David Parde

17 Caleb Schultis

19 Dennis Nippert

19 Sheila Goldsberry

20 Joseph Henrichs

21 Christian McCown

23 Jane Pretzer

24 Elizabeth Roelfs

24 Radene Beran

24 Hayden Nutsch

25 Norris Gold

25 Jean Schmidt

27 Melvin Beran

29 Douglas Spilker

29 Crystal Snyder

30 Chase Whitehead

30 Spencer Schmidt



May 1 Sunday Worship Service
With Holy Communion
 Confirmation Sunday
 Worship Assistant, Diane Wellsandt
 Greeter, Jim Bures

May 8 Sunday Worship Service
Happy Mother's Day
 Worship Assistant, Dennis Hennerberg
 Greeter, Dean Pretzer



May 15 Sunday Worship Service
 Worship Assistant, Sherry Henrichs
 Greeter, Charles Barber

May 22 Sunday Worship Service
 Worship Assistant, David Henrichs
 Greeter, Jim Damrow

May 29 Sunday Worship Service
 Worship Assistant, Youth Group
 Greeter, Youth Group



June 5 Sunday Worship Service
With Holy Communion
 Worship Assistant, Jim Damrow
 Greeter, Dennis Nippert



Brett Landenberger Harry Kising
 Tyson Landenberger Chad Lottman

Doug Lottman Don Meyer
 Dennis Nippert Dean Pretzer

Adam Roelfs Dean Roelfs
 Doug Schmidt Spencer Schmidt

Jonathan Schmidt Kevin Sasse
 Jamie Schultis Caleb Schultis

Youth Group

Tim Scheele Jesse Scheele
 Cody Scheele Russell Schultis



Jadyn Schultis
 Zeke Jones

Tori Smith

Zeke Jones

Mykah Folkers

Addison Heidemann

Mallory Denner



Children's
 Sermon

Pastor Mark

Dave/Sherry
 Henrichs

Beth Roelfs

Jean Schmidt

Youth Group

Pastor Mark



Deb Nippert
 Jane Pretzer

Phyllis Wiemers
 Ann Parde

Beth Roelfs
 Kallie Roelfs

Jean Schmidt
 Julie Schmidt





Shannon Stein
 Stacy Schlichtman

Carolyn Schultis
 Sheri Schultis

May 2016



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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
<p><i>Red Hymnal</i> 1</p> <p>Worship Service 9:30 AM Holy Communion</p>  <p>Confirmation</p>	2	3	4	5	6	7
<p><i>Blue Hymnal</i> 8</p> <p>Worship Service 9:30 AM</p> <p>Happy  Mother's Day</p>	9 <i>Eunice Circle</i> 1:30pm	10 WARREN'S COMMUNITY TABLE	11	12	13	14  DILLER- ODELL GRADUATION
<p><i>Red Hymnal</i> 15</p> <p>Worship Service 9:30 AM</p>  <p>Pentecost Sunday</p>	16	17 	18 WELCA Unit Meeting 7pm Council Meeting 7:30pm	19	20	21
<p><i>Blue Hymnal</i> 22</p> <p>Worship Service 9:30 AM</p>  <p>St. Paul VBS Week</p>	23 <i>Newscaster items due</i>	24 Work Day All Day	25	26	27	28
<p><i>Red Hymnal</i> 29</p> <p>Worship Service 9:30 AM VBS Program</p>	30 <i>Memorial Day</i> 	31 Work Day All Day				



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