

# 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.*

**August 2022**

*Pastor Mark Liscom*

## Peace

Peace has come to mean that time when there aren't any wars or even when there aren't any major wars. Beggars can't be choosers; we'd most of us settle for that. But in Hebrew peace, *shalom*, means fullness, means having everything you need to wholly and happily yourself.

One of the titles by which Jesus is known is Prince of Peace, and he used the word himself in what seem at first glance to be two radically contradictory utterances. On one occasion he said to the disciples, "do not think that I have come to bring peace, but a sword." (Matthew 10:34) And later on, the last time they ate together, he said to them, "Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you". (John 14:27)

The contradiction is resolved when you realize that for Jesus peace seems to have meant not the absence of struggle, but the presence of love.

*(an excerpt from Frederick Buechner's book, Wishful Thinking)*

Peace!

*Pastor Mark*



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*Sponsors for the August Newscaster are*

**Jean Weers** (prior to her passing)

**in Honor of Our August Birthdays**

**Jean on August 21<sup>st</sup> and Melvin on August 16<sup>th</sup>**

**and**

**Eldean and Norma Banahan**

**in Honor of Our 65<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**

*Congratulations on your anniversary and in loving memory of Melvin and Jean Weers.*

*Thank You for sponsoring this Newscaster!*

*As of press time, sponsors are still needed for September, October and December.*

*There is an orange sign-up sheet on the announcements bulletin board in the back of the Narthex.*

*Please consider sponsoring this important communication tool for our congregation.*



### Family Fun Day

**Sunday, August 21, 2022**

**4 to 6pm**

**Sloppy Joe Sandwiches &**

**Homemade Ice Cream Social at 5pm**



We will be having whiffleball, games and visiting time from 4 – 5pm, and starting around 5, we will have Sloppy Joe sandwiches and homemade ice cream.

*There will be a sign-up sheet for bars and toppings closer to the date.*

**Everyone had a great time last year, hope to see you the 21<sup>st</sup>!!!!**

# St. Paul Lutheran Church Council Minutes for June 15, 2022

Council members present were Brian Weers, Peg Hemphill, Jeanette Bures, Diane Wellsandt, Dave Henrichs, Gary Bergmeier and Pastor Mark. God sightings were shared by the council. Minutes were read and Diane moved to approve the minutes and seconded by Gary. Minutes approved.

## TREASURER'S REPORT

Gary reported that we have a total cash available of \$8,606.71. Still needing to be paid is Portico. After bills, we will have a balance of \$6,007.10. May need to announce at services that we are halfway to our Benevolence commitment for 2022. Brian moved to accept the Treasurer's report and Peg seconded. Motion passed.

## MEMORIAL TREASURER'S REPORT

Jeanette reported that there was \$.74 interest received for a total account balance of \$12,097.15. Still need to pay Pastor for the shotgun microphone. Candle stand is still on backorder and is scheduled to arrive on July 22<sup>nd</sup>. Gary moved to accept the report and Brian seconded. The report was approved.

## PASTOR'S REPORT

4 worship services, Synod Convention for 3 days (should listen to the Bishop's address), 1 leadership conference, 9 hospital calls, 3 home communions, 2 home calls, 3 text studies, 1 cluster meeting.

## VICE CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

N/A

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

*Christian Education* – are finding a day to finalize VBS, Family Night committee and WELCA will be involved.

*Property* – Shingles – we still don't know when they will be replaced with all the storms we've had and the roofing company is swamped.

*Food Stand* – N/A

*Communication & Outreach* – N/A

*Music & Worship* – N/A

## OLD BUSINESS

~ Beth will need church float help probably on Monday the 20<sup>th</sup> or Tuesday the 21<sup>st</sup>.

~ Wires for the sound system are in, but the splitter is not functional, the camera is wired. The system will get worked out.

~ July 10<sup>th</sup> is the Stateline Church's last service, will we do something for it? There is a meal after services, if some from our church would go as a gesture, it would be good.

~ No Youth sponsor yet, but there is a prospect.

~ Need replacement letters for the Church sign.

## NEW BUSINESS

~ Kendra would like to have most of the robes and the Altar linen cleaned, Council decided to have her take what is needed to be cleaned.

~ South Furnace – will look into size, what is needed, etc.

~ Confirmation program will change a bit, will be a little more together/connected with families. Will have an orientation for the students.

The next council meeting was set for Wednesday, July 20<sup>th</sup> at 7:30pm and committees to meet at 6:30pm. Gary moved to adjourn the meeting and Jeanette seconded. The meeting was adjourned and closed with the Lord's Prayer.

~ Brian Weers, Council Secretary

## TREASURER'S REPORT

As of 6/13/2022

### Current Balances

General Fund	\$ 8,606.71
Benevolence	\$ 1,090.16
<u>Designations</u>	<u>\$ 4,984.77</u>
Total	\$14,681.64

### Operating Expenses

Available Cash	\$ 8,606.71
Remaining Bills	
<u>Portico</u>	<u>\$ 2,599.61 (due mid-July)</u>
Remaining Bal	\$ 6,007.10



### Offering Summary

	April	May	June
Current	\$11,354.44	\$ 5,231.40	\$ 4,975.80
Benevolence	\$ 385.11	\$ 511.85	\$ 193.20
Designated Funds	<u>\$ 620.00</u>	<u>\$ 1.00</u>	<u>\$ 26.00</u>
Totals	\$12,359.55	\$ 5,744.25	\$ 5,195.00

(Partial Month)

We need to receive **\$10,002.96** in **CURRENT** each month in order to meet our budget for 2022.

# St. Paul Lutheran Church Council Minutes for July 20, 2022

Council members present were Brian Weers, Peg Hemphill, Jeanette Bures, Dave Henrichs, Gary Bergmeier and Pastor Mark. Diane Wellsandt was absent. God sightings were shared by the council and Pastor offered a prayer. Minutes were read and Gary moved to approve the minutes and seconded by Jeanette. Minutes approved.

## TREASURER'S REPORT

Gary and Allen reported that we have a total cash available of \$6,199.85. No outstanding bills. Comment was made that July receipts are pretty good so far, and we thank the congregation for the support. Brian moved to accept the Treasurer's report and Peg seconded. Motion passed.

## MEMORIAL TREASURER'S REPORT

Jeanette reported that there was \$.70 interest received for a total account balance of \$12,097.85. Still need to pay Pastor for the shotgun microphone. Candle stand is scheduled to arrive on July 22<sup>nd</sup>. Gary moved to accept the report and Dave seconded. The report was approved.

## PASTOR'S REPORT

4 worship services, several hours dedicated to the Diller Picnic, 3 text studies, 1 cluster meeting, 6 hospital calls, 3 home communions, 1 confirmation meeting at St. John's, 1 VBS meeting, 1 funeral meeting.

## VICE CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Will need some help from the Council for Jean Weers' funeral on Friday, July 22<sup>nd</sup>.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

*Communication & Outreach* – Ice Cream Social will take place on August 21<sup>st</sup> from 4 to 6pm. Will have Sloppy Joes too!

*Christian Education* – VBS will take place on August 3<sup>rd</sup> at Camp Jefferson near Fairbury. Sing-along at 6pm and supper from 6:30 – 7:30pm.

*Property* – N/A

*Food Stand* – N/A

*Music & Worship* – N/A

## OLD BUSINESS

~ We are still on hold with the signal splitter, don't know the reason for the delay.

~ Youth Sponsor – kind of taking shape. We still have a prospect, but may do Youth Sponsor a little differently; may need help with the Sweetheart Supper and other Youth events. We (church members) can help with food events.

~ Still researching South furnace

## NEW BUSINESS

~ Gary asked about propane for upcoming year, we have a contract locked in for this year.

~ Pastor Mark will be on vacation September 22<sup>nd</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup> for his Niece's wedding.

~ Diane will be gone July 21<sup>st</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup>, can't help with cleanup after funeral.

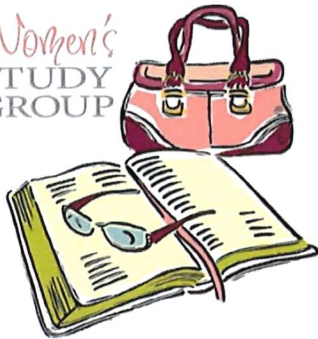
The next council meeting was set for Wednesday, August 17<sup>th</sup> at 7:30pm and committees to meet at 6:30pm. Gary moved to adjourn the meeting and Jeanette seconded. The meeting was adjourned and closed with the Lord's Prayer.

~ Brian Weers, Council Secretary

<b>TREASURER'S REPORT</b>			
As of 7/19/2022			
<b><u>Current Balances</u></b>		<b><u>Operating Expenses</u></b>	
General Fund	\$ 6,199.85	Available Cash	\$ 6,199.85
Benevolence	\$ 145.40	Remaining Bills	None
<u>Designations</u>	<u>\$ 4,342.17</u>		
Total	\$10,687.42	Remaining Bal	\$ 6,199.85
<b><u>Offering Summary</u></b>			
	May	June	July
Current	\$ 5,231.40	\$ 6,373.40	\$ 8,177.60
Benevolence	\$ 511.85	\$ 257.60	\$ 145.40
Designated Funds	<u>\$ 1.00</u>	<u>\$ 26.00</u>	<u>\$ 27.00</u>
Totals	\$ 5,744.25	\$ 6,657.00	\$ 8,350.00
			(Partial Month)
<b>We need to receive <span style="color: red;">\$10,002.96</span> in <span style="color: red;">CURRENT</span> each month in order to meet our budget for 2022.</b>			



Women's  
STUDY  
GROUP



## June Eunice Circle

Eunice Circle met on June 13, 2022 at 1:30pm. The Bible study was led by Irene Gibson. *Crafted in Christ - A Summer of Rest and Renewal. How can creative processes guide the patterns of our lives?*

Our study texts were from Genesis 1:1 - 2:3; Leviticus 25:1 - 12; John 13:1 - 17 and 34 - 35; Acts 11:1 - 18. Our focus verse was "I give you a new commandment that you love one another." (John 13:34a)

We opened with prayer and Hymn, "Lord of All Hopefulness". We closed with prayer and a Hymn 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 \$20.00.

Old Business: WELCA Spring Gathering - Lutheran Center on the UNL Campus on May 21<sup>s</sup>, registration due May 14<sup>th</sup>. Work Days on May 24<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup>. WELCA Unit Meeting on August 10<sup>th</sup> at 1:30pm, we will give the program.

New Business: WELCA Spring Gathering was scheduled for May 21<sup>st</sup>, but was canceled because very few churches were attending. Two ladies will present the program for WELCA Meeting on August 10<sup>th</sup> at 1:30pm. State Line Church is closing, and will have a final service on July 10<sup>th</sup> and meal following. Work Day will be June 28<sup>th</sup>.

After Grace, Linda Behrends served refreshments.

Next Eunice Circle meeting will be July 11, 2022 at 1:30pm, July/August book. Norma Banahan will lead the Bible study.

~ Irene Gibson, Recorder

## July Eunice Circle

Eunice Circle met on July 11, 2022 at 1:30pm. Norma Banahan led our Bible Study. *Crafted in Christ - Cutting and Piecing. Cutting to preserve what matters most, we piece together our beautiful, diverse, torn fabric.*

Our Study texts were from Genesis 12:1 - 13, 17:1 - 27, 22:1 - 19; Acts 8:26 - 40; 2 Corinthians 5:16 - 6:12; Philipians 3:4 - 9. Our focus verse was "So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!" (2 Corinthians 5:17). We opened with prayer and Hymn, "All Are Welcome". We closed with prayer and The Lord's Prayer.

Norma called our meeting to order. The minutes were read and approved. Four (4) members answered Roll Call. Our Offering was \$19.00.

Old Business: Spring Gathering was scheduled for May 21<sup>st</sup>, but was canceled since very few churches were attending. Two ladies will present the program for WELCA Unit Meeting on August 10<sup>th</sup> at 1:30pm. State Line Church is closing, will have a final service on July 10<sup>th</sup> and meal following. Work Day on June 28<sup>th</sup>.

New Business: WELCA Unit Meeting on August 10, 2022 at 1:30pm. At the meeting, two ladies will present our program. Work Day on July 26<sup>th</sup>.

After Grace, Jane Pretzer served refreshments.

Next Eunice Circle Meeting will be August 8<sup>th</sup>, 2022 at 1:30pm, July/August book. Irene Gibson will lead the bible study.

~ Irene Gibson, Recorder

## St. Paul WELCA August Unit Meeting

Wednesday, August 10, 2022

1:30 p.m.

Eunice Circle will provide the program and Diane Wellsandt will serve as hostess. Please check the website or Facebook page for more information.

**All Women of the church are encouraged to attend**

## Mission Work Day

Please check future issues of The Newscaster for updates about this volunteer group.



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# Joys & Concerns



30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

## Congratulations on 30 years, Pastor Mark!

Pastor Mark celebrated 30 years of Ordination at a special recognition at the Synod Convention in June and was honored by the congregation with a potluck meal on Sunday, June 5 following worship. Congratulations, Pastor Mark!

Pictures are from the potluck luncheon after worship on June 5. Photos by Beth Roelfs



Congratulations to Jeff and Darcy (Voorhees) Barber who were married July 23<sup>rd</sup> in Beatrice by Pastor Mark Liscom. Best Wishes and God's Blessings for your future, and congratulations to you and your families.

*Just Married!*

WELCA would like to thank the Youth Group, Crosswalk and our contributions toward the purchase of the new refrigerator. It already has been a welcome addition to our kitchen. Also thanks to Dave Henrichs, Steve Behrends, Dean and Jane Pretzer, Brennan Schultis and Doug Schmidt for their help in getting it purchased and installed.



I would like to thank everyone for the get well wishes following my surgery. The signed card from the members of church was such a surprise and touched my heart.

~ Ardie Barber

### Holding You In Prayer

#### Those Injured and/or Hospitalized

Melvin Beran had a bit of a rough time after his surgery, but is now home and recovering well. Doyle Wolken continues to recover at home following his injuries on the farm. Pastor Delmar Wiemers had back surgery and is recovering.

We remember all of you and continue to pray for your continued healing and recovery.

### Sympathy to Those Mourning the Loss of a Loved One

Jean Weers passed away at her home on July 18. Her funeral service was held at St. Paul Lutheran on July 22 with Pastor Mark Liscom officiating.

She will be greatly missed by her family and church family where she was a faithful, active member for many years, and our thoughts and prayers are with her entire family. May God's healing Grace comfort all of you during this difficult time.

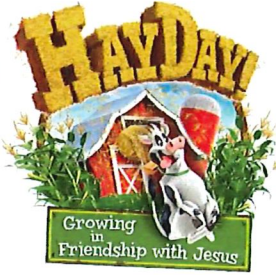


### Prayer List

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:

Franklin Damrow, Robert Weers, Eldean Banahan, Rick Whittemire, Darlene Balderson, Allison Lottman and Rebecca Chavez.

## VBS 2022 HAYDAY! GROWING IN FRIENDSHIP WITH JESUS

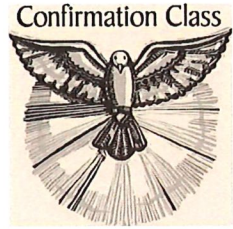


Vacation Bible School 2022 will take place on Wednesday, August 3rd at Camp Jefferson. All children ages 4 through the 5th grade are invited to join in on the fun. The morning session will focus on Jesus' befriending of Zacchaeus. Following lunch, the session 2 Bible Story is Jesus dies and comes back to life. All campers will spend the balance of the afternoon enjoying all of the special activities the Camp has to offer including the pool and hiking.

We will wrap up the day with a camp-style program at 6pm followed by a cookout dinner with families of the VBS kids and congregation. Transportation will be provided from and back to the church with pickup at 830am and return to the church at 8pm.

Hope to see everyone there for our Hay Day with Christ!

Confirmation classes are starting soon! There will be a parent meeting on Wednesday, August 24<sup>th</sup> with classes starting on Wednesday, August 31<sup>st</sup>. Parents and Confirmands, please watch your emails, messages or the church website for details, or contact Pastor Mark for more information. It will be a great year!



The volunteer choir sang a traditional Hymn from the OSB during our June 12 Worship service.

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

## Diller Picnic 2022

Many Thanks go to Beth Roelfs for taking the lead in creating St. Paul's float for the Diller Picnic Parade and to the members of the congregation who volunteered time to help build and disassemble the float and those that provided a space to work and store the float. It was beautiful and had a great message.

Thank you also goes to all the members of our congregation who volunteered time to work in the food stand during the Diller Picnic – this project of service to our community could not happen without you!





*Congratulations!*


# High Achievers at the Jefferson County Fair



Many of the Youth in our Church participated in the Jefferson County Fair July 13 – 17. The pictures are a very small sampling of the many projects they spend a lot of time on throughout the year, and we all enjoyed mostly decent weather and a nice return to “normalcy” at the County Fair. Congratulations and WELL DONE to all of our talented exhibitors!


At Left, some of the Champions for Clothing Exhibitors. At right, Lil' Green and the newly crowned Miss Jefferson County met fairgoers on the fairgrounds There are MANY animal and static exhibitors from our church, and we congratulate ALL of them on a job well done!!





## August Birthdays


3	Isaac Roelfs	18	Mike Banahan
4	Chad Lottman	20	Jessica McCarthy
5	Armando Jones	20	Kyler Lucking
7	Mike Balderson	23	Linda Behrends
7	Gary Bergmeier	25	Joshua Roelfs
9	John Duis	26	Darin Weers
14	Barb Sasse	28	Matt Wellsandt
16	Nathan Liscom	29	Jaris Hennerberg
18	Keith Bartlett	29	Livia Stein
18	Glenda Spilker	30	Joely Weers



Happy Anniversary

## August Wedding Anniversaries

August 6, 1994 ☞ Mr. & Mrs. Brett & Toni Landenberger	August 8, 1954 ☞ Mr. & Mrs. Pastor Dr. Delmar & Phyllis Wiemers
August 10, 1969 ☞ Mr. & Mrs. Dean & Jane Pretzer	August 11, 1957 ☞ Mr. & Mrs. Eldean & Norma Banahan
August 15, 1998 ☞ Mr. & Mrs. Chris & Angie Clifford	August 21, 1999 ☞ Mr. & Mrs. Darin & Kendra Weers
August 27, 1976 ☞ Mr. & Mrs. Joel & Linda Holtmeier	August 27, 1983 ☞ Mr. & Mrs. Mike & Rhonda Balderson
August 28, 2010 ☞ Mr. & Mrs. Josh & Kalli Roelfs	August 29, 2014 ☞ Mr. & Mrs. Tom & Danielle Reeson
August 31, 2013 ☞ Mr. & Mrs. Riley & Sonia Sasse	



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**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!



**August 7 Sunday Worship Service  
With Holy Communion**

*Worship Assistant, Jamie Schultis  
Greeter, Charles Barber  
Ushers – Jim Bures, Chris Clifford  
Coffee Service – Stacy Schlichtman,  
Marla Weichel*

**August 14 Sunday Worship Service**

*Worship Assistant, Gary Bergmeier  
Greeter, Dean Pretzer  
Ushers – John Denner, Larry Germer  
Coffee Service – Peggy Hemphill,  
Shannon Stein*

**August 21 Sunday Worship Service**

*Worship Assistant, David Henrichs  
Greeter, Gary Bergmeier  
Ushers – Jarrod Heidemann, Steve Hemphill  
Coffee Service – Carolyn Schultis, Sue Meyer*

**August 28 Sunday Worship Service**

*Worship Assistant, Sherry Henrichs  
Greeter, Jim Bures  
Ushers – Dennis Hennerberg,  
Jamie Hennerberg  
Coffee Service – Jeanette Hennerberg,  
Kristen Hennerberg*



**September 4 Sunday Worship Service  
With Holy Communion**

*Worship Assistant, Brian Weers  
Greeter, Dennis Nippert  
Ushers – David Henrichs, Joe Henrichs  
Coffee Service – Jill Bergmeier, Julie Schmidt*

# August 2022



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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	 <b>3</b> St. Paul VBS Camp Jefferson	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>
Red Hymnal <b>7</b> Worship Service 9:30 AM Holy Communion	<b>8</b> Eunice Circle 1:30pm	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> Women of the ELCA Unit Meeting 1:30pm	<b>11</b> 	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>
Blue Hymnal <b>14</b> Worship Service 9:30 AM	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> Committees and Council Meetings 6:30/7:30pm	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>
Red Hymnal <b>21</b> Worship Service 9:30 AM family FUN day 4-6pm  NEWSCASTER ITEMS DUE	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> Work Day All Day	<b>24</b> Confirmation Parents' Meeting 7:00pm	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>
Blue Hymnal <b>28</b> Worship Service 9:30 AM	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> Work Day All Day	<b>31</b> Confirmation Begins 7:00pm	<b>*** CHECK THE WEEKLY                      BULLETIN ***                      for Calendar updates.                      Some events were not available                      at press time.</b>		



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