

St. Paul Newscaster



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Easter Emptiness

One of the images of Easter is the empty tomb. What the empty tomb represents of course is that death does not have the last word. The empty tomb represents the truth hoped for and the truth experienced that there is something stronger than anything that seeks to tear us apart. That out of all that we go through in life, in the end we come through...we make it and are lifted up to the love of God.

But the empty tomb, at least to me, has another meaning as well. It means that there is something good about emptiness. We all experience it. It usually comes after a great experience or something we've really enjoyed. Back to reality and it can feel a bit empty. Easter is no different. After the celebration there can be this emptiness that happens.

Most of my life this has bothered me. But now, at least once in a while, I get why this might happen to us. Because isn't the one thing we need in our busy lives these days a bit of emptiness? Free spaces on our calendar? Room for more family time? A place for something that we may not have considered before? Here is the insight: Emptiness means that there is room in my life now for something new!

That's another way to think about Easter new life isn't it? God has made room in my life, a kind of emptiness. For Him, for my neighbor, for people in the world who might need what I have to offer. Now if, that isn't Easter, I don't know what is.

Blessings to you this Easter Season as we seek a greater understanding of the empty tomb.

Pastor Mark

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We thank you for your sponsorship and support.

Please note that the sign-up sheet for 2018 sponsorships is up and four sponsorships are available.

*Please consider sponsoring a Newscaster to continue providing this communication tool
to the members of the congregation.*

*Please take note of the dates of things that are happening
with the Church this month:*

- **Sunday, April 1** - Easter; 6:30am Sunrise Service; Youth-sponsored breakfast; 9:30am Worship; NO Sunday School
- **Wednesday, April 4** - Confirmation Parents' night
- **Monday, April 9** - Eunice Circle
- **Wednesday, April 11** - Confirmation
- **Sunday, April 15** - Youth Meeting 6:30
- **Wednesday, April 18** - Council Meeting 6pm
- **Tuesday, April 24** - Work Day
- **Wednesday, April 25** - Confirmation
- **Sunday, April 29** - Youth-Led Worship; WELCA Salad Supper 5:30; Youth Meeting 6:30; **Newscaster Items DUE**
- **Sunday, May 6** - **CONFIRMATION**; Communion

COMING SOON!!

Spring Salad Supper
Sunday, April 29

*The WELCA Executive Board is busy planning the 2018 Spring Salad Supper. The theme for the Salad Supper is "Wedding Memories." We are asking women of the church for **wedding dresses** that they would like to have on display. If interested, please contact Linda Beran or Ardie Barber. Look for more details to come.*

St. Paul Lutheran Church Council Minutes for March 25, 2018

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

TREASURER'S REPORT

Allen reported that the current balance is \$184.98. The March Portico and Norris Public Power bills need to be paid by the end of March. A deposit will be made of past Sunday and Wednesday offerings that have not yet been taken to the bank. A reminder of financial position will, if needed, be placed in the Sunday bulletin. Jean moved to accept, and Cindy seconded. Motion passed.

MEMORIAL TREASURER'S REPORT

Jamie reported that the current balance is \$13,297.33, including last month's interest. There was no meeting or other activity for the memorial committee during the month.

PASTOR'S REPORT

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

- Pastor Mark felt the round robin services he conducted went well. And feedback on St. Paul's Lenten services was positive from the congregation. It was a good experience.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Property--committee has been informed of a few minor repairs that need to be completed.
- Transformational--committee held a meeting after church services to continue discussion about where to go and how to bring the information to the congregation.

OLD BUSINESS

- Lenten services with a meal was very positive. Attendance was good, and the time provided for fellowship.
- Council discussed possible auditor names, but will make a final decision at the April meeting.
- Council discussed opening the old safe, but no combination has been found. Council will decide how to proceed at a later date.
- Council discussed what congregation felt about quarterly reports. Many members felt that it was not necessary to do quarterly reports. Jamie moved to do quarterly reports twice a year (biannually), and Cindy seconded. Motion passed.
- Council discussed looking into how purchasing insurance for Pastor Mark affects his other benefits through Portico.

NEW BUSINESS

- Diane will be gone during Holy Week. Council will check on church at that time.
- Pastor Mark has been working on organizing the Seder Meal for Maundy Thursday service. Easter Sunrise service is at 6:30, followed by the Easter breakfast and the Easter Service at 9:30.
- Synod Convention will be held May 31-June 2, 2018, in Kearney. A new bishop will be elected. Representatives need to be selected and registered.

The next council meeting will be on Wednesday, April 18, 2018, at 6:00 p.m. The meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer. Jamie made a motion to adjourn, and Melvin seconded. Motion passed.

- Jean Schmidt, Council Secretary

TREASURER'S REPORT			
General Fund Balance as of 3/26/2018		\$ 1,727.80	
Bills Due by end of March	None		
	Total Due:	\$ 0.00	
<i>Last Month: February</i>		<i>Current Month: March</i>	
Current	\$ 12,711.01	Current	\$ 8,721.22
Benevolence	1,736.79	Benevolence	678.60
World Hunger	25.00	World Hunger	25.00
Specials	35.00	Specials	85.00
TOTAL	\$ 14,507.80	TOTAL	\$ 9,509.82
We need \$12,307.87 in CURRENT per month to meet the 2018 budget.			





WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Eunice Circle

Eunice Circle met on March 12, 2018 at 1:30pm. Norma Banahan led the Bible Study. Multiple meanings: Learning from other interpretations - "The Good Samaritan." Can empathy change how we encounter Jesus' classic parable? The "living word" of scripture speaks to us all in unique, profound and meaningful ways - and that's a good thing.

Bible text was from Luke 10:30-37.

We opened with a prayer and Hymn, "The Word of God Is Source and Seed." We closed with prayer and The Lord's Prayer.

Norma called our meeting to order. Minutes were read and approved. Members answered Roll Call. Our offering was \$20.00.

Old Business: WELCA Unit Meeting is February 22nd at 1pm. Work Day is February 27th. Linda Behrends became a member of our group.

New Business: Spring Salad Supper will be Sunday, April 29th at 5:30pm. Work Day is on March 27th.

After Grace, Cleo Perkins served refreshments.

Next Eunice Circle meeting will be April 9, 2018 at 1:30pm, April book. Irene Gibson will be Bible Study leader.

- Irene Gibson, Recorder



St. Paul Lutheran Church



WELCA Spring Salad Super "Wedding Memories"

Sunday April 29, 2018

Starting at 5:30

Come and enjoy fellowship, wonderful food,
and Wedding Memories to include display
of Wedding dresses.

Bring a salad and a Friend.



LENTEN SERVICE SERIES 2018



**Ash
Wednesday
Service**



This year, Lenten Services at St. Paul were "round robin" with a different pastor from our cluster preaching each week. Each week during Lent, a meal was served before the worship service and was provided by the council, WELCA, and several generous volunteers from our congregation. They were assisted by our Confirmation students.

The pastors from our cluster that participated in our "round robin" were Pr. Rick Johnson from DeWitt, Pr. Nathan Metzger from Adams and Pr. LaRue Hallstrom of Syracuse.

THANK YOU to our guest pastors and all that provided the delicious food before Lenten services.



Pr. Rick Johnson of DeWitt was the first guest pastor in our exchange series for Lent.

Quiz Bowl Takes Bronze at MUDECAS

March 29, 2018

Thirty-two teams started the day, but only 8 made it to the big show. Diller-Odell's high school quiz bowl team emerged from pool play with a 5-2 record to take the #6 seed in the MUDECAS tournament. The team, which consisted of seniors Adam Schultis, **Spencer Schmidt**, Faith Novotny and junior Stephanie Rosales, started off with a significant win. They defeated #3 seed Southern, a team they had faced several times this season.

Diller-Odell took two teams to the MUDECAS tournament. In pool play, the B team members included Connor Klecan, **Kelsay Schlichtman**, **Neleigh Weers**, Melina Kostal and Bradley Blake.



Quiz Bowl team members are (l to r): Neleigh Weers, Kelsay Schlichtman, Melina Kostal, Adam Schultis, Stephanie Rosales, Spencer Schmidt, Faith Novotny, Connor Klecan and Bradley Blake.

School news

Griffin Speech Season Concludes

March 23, 2018

Eight members of the Griffin Speech team finished their season at the NSAA Speech Championships Friday, March 23rd. Congratulations Stephanie Rosales, Melina Kostal, **Kelsay Schlichtman**, Ryan Arnold, Connor Klecan, Adam Schultis, **Caleb Schultis**, **Jadyn Schultis**, and the entire speech team for a successful season!



The 5th and 6th Grade Reading Classics Team competed on March 16 at the Beatrice Armory against other ESU schools and placed third by ONE question. Team members were (l to r): Kallan McKinney, Esequel Cuevas, Ellie Weers, Ainsley Hughes and **Joely Weers**.

Read Across Nebraska Reward

March 28, 2018



Diller-Odell elementary enjoyed a movie at the Bonham Theater in Fairbury as a reward for reading. Even congratulated on the marquee!!

131 Diller-Odell Elementary students were spotted Reading Across Nebraska during the month of March. These students were challenged to read books at or above their reading level and pass Accelerated Reader quizzes to complete the 450-mile journey across Nebraska. This goal was exceeded with 727 books read and quizzes taken plus another 160 plus books read to the kindergarten students for a total of 887 books read.

As a reward for reaching this goal plus the individual goals each student had set for them we traveled to the Bonham Theatre in Fairbury on March 28 to watch the movie, *Ferdinand*. Everyone got a bag of popcorn, some candy, and a pop of their choice. It was a very fun afternoon! Great job of reading, Griffins!



The Parade of Tractors – It was "Drive your tractor to school day" on Feb 21 as part of FFA Week. Always a fun sight.

Appreciation is expressed to all those individuals who have donated coffee and tea for our coffee Fellowship time each Sunday and other church-related gatherings. Your generosity is greatly appreciated!

- Kitchen and Coffee Committee



Our Deepest Sympathy

Neal Roelfs passed away and funeral services were March 26 at St. Paul Lutheran Church with Pastor Mark Liscom officiating.

We extend our heartfelt sympathy to all of the Roelfs family. May you find comfort in God's healing peace.

RECENTLY IN THE HOSPITAL

Leana Lottman has been treated in Omaha for Leukemia and is responding well to treatment.

She is now at home and is continuing outpatient treatments.

Cards and letters would be appreciated and can be mailed to her home address.

We pray for continued healing and recovery



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:

Toby Fritzen, Betty and Franklin Damrow, Richard Schnuelle, Ardyce Wiemers, Dylan Nippert, Eden Lottman and Skylar Folkers.



The Confirmation classes will be on Wednesdays, **April 4th, April 11th and April 25th** at 7pm on the 4th for Parents' Night and at 4, 6 and 7:30pm on the 11th and 25th.
CONFIRMATION will be on Sunday, May 6.

Please see the church website, www.stpauldiller.com for updated acolyte and class schedules. "Homework" is also available on the website.

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



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

The greeter was Brianna Weers and Ushers were Jesse Scheele, Bryston Warren, Caleb Schultis and Jadyne Schultis. Worship Assistant was Spencer Schmidt. The Children's Sermon was led by Isaiah Weers, who talked about the Palm Parade the children had at the beginning of worship was like the Palm Parade for Jesus over 2,000 years ago with the shouts of "Hosannah", which means "Save Now".

First reading of Scripture was read by Hayley Denner, Second Scripture reading by Neleigh Weers and the Gospel was read by Pastor Mark. His sermon was the reading of the Passion narrative and the meaning of the Holy Week. He then talked about how his dentist found the hurt in his tooth in order to heal it by tapping on it with a hammer. Holy Week is God tapping on our hearts to find the hurt in order to heal our hearts.

The refreshments were served by Brianna Weers, Addison Heidemann and Samantha Clifford.

SCHOOL KITS

This year, rather than item donations, we would appreciate cash donations in order to purchase the needed items in order to help prevent duplication.

*Donations can be given to Irene Gibson.
Your support of this project is greatly appreciated!*



Volunteers
Needed



We Need You!!

We are in **urgent** need for two volunteers to go to Synod Assembly in Kearney on June 1-3 and represent our congregation.

Our Synod is electing a new Bishop, so two voting representatives are needed.

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

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 **April 30** (if you want your picture and info in the *Newscaster*), and the information needed is the name (*First, Middle, Last*) of the graduate, parents' or grandparents' names, name of school, school colors, degree earned and future plans. Please submit wallet-sized pictures or email to kweers10@gmail.com. Thanks!!



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.



April Birthdays

- 3 Tyler Wolken
- 5 Bob Wellsandt
- 5 Larry Lawton
- 5 Scott Beran
- 7 Kalli Roelfs
- 12 Jeff Barber
- 17 Neleigh Weers
- 18 Judy DeBoer
- 18 Shawna Barnts
- 23 Kaye Schlake
- 24 Larry Germer
- 26 Daniel Beran
- 26 Kendall Graves
- 27 Mykal Folkers
- 27 Madeline Parde
- 29 David Henrichs



April Wedding Anniversaries

- April 6, 2001
☞ Mr. & Mrs. Brian & Kendra K Weers
- April 12, 2014
☞ Mr. & Mrs. Tyler & Crystal Snyder
- April 16, 1998
☞ Mr. & Mrs. Chad & Courtney Lottman
- April 18, 1998
☞ Mr. & Mrs. Jamie & Sheri Schultis
- April 20, 1968
☞ Mr. & Mrs. Russell & Carolyn Schultis
- April 21, 1979
☞ Mr. & Mrs. David & Sherry Henrichs
- April 26, 2008
☞ Mr. & Mrs. Brad & Megan Langenberg



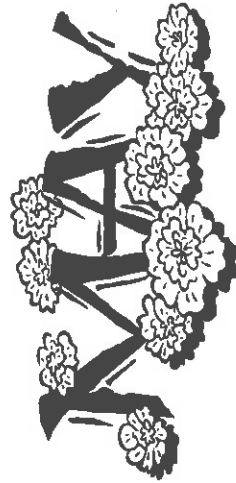
April 1 Easter Sunday Worship Service
 With Holy Communion
 Worship Assistant (Sunrise) Kendra K Weers
 Greeter, Jim Bures
 Worship Assistant (9:30) Sherry Henrichs
 Greeter, Dean Pretzer

April 8 Sunday Worship Service
 Worship Assistant, Jim Damrow
 Greeter, Charles Barber

April 15 Sunday Worship Service
 Worship Assistant, David Henrichs
 Greeter, Jim Damrow

April 22 Sunday Worship Service
 Worship Assistant, Sherry Henrichs
 Greeter, Don Meyer

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



May 6 Sunday Worship Service
 With Holy Communion
Confirmation
 Worship Assistant, Jim Damrow
 Greeter, Dennis Nippert



Sunrise Service
 Melvin Weers Bob Wellsandt
 Doyle Wolken Tyler Wolken
 9:30 Service
 Charles Barber Dale Beran
 Melvin Beran Scott Beran

Gary Bergmeier
 Jim Bures Chris Clifford

John Denner Jeremy Engelman
 Larry Germer

Jarrold Heidemann Steve Hemphill
 Dennis Hennerberg
 Jamie Hennerberg

Youth Group

David Henrichs Brian Hennerberg
 Calvin Hennerberg Reese Hennerberg



Ezekiel Jones
 Karli Heidemann
 Mallory Denner
 Cole Ebeling

Keira Hennerberg
 Zachary Warren

Xavier Jones
 Spencer Weers

Mallory Helton
 Keilan Schlichtman

Mykah Folkers
 Esdon Weers

Skylar Folkers
 David Parde



Pastor Mark

Kristen
 Heidemann

Jean
 Schmidt

Beth Roelfs

Youth Group

Pastor Mark



Please furnish your own Styrofoam cups or use the cups in the kitchen cupboard
 Sunrise Service
 Youth Group

9:30 Service
 Jan Gold
 Radene Beran

Peggy Hemphill
 Kalli Roelfs

Judy Landenberger
 Toni Landenberger

Susan Lawton
 Betty Lawrence

Kendra S Weers
 Phyllis Wiemers

Barb Sasse
 Tara Sasse

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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
<p><i>Red Hymnal</i> 1 Easter Sunrise Service 6:30 AM Holy Communion Easter Breakfast Easter Worship Service 9:30 AM Holy Communion NO SUNDAY SCHOOL</p>	2	3	4	5	6	7
<p><i>Blue Hymnal</i> 8 Worship Service 9:30 AM SUNDAY SCHOOL 10:30 AM</p>	<p><i>Eunice</i> <i>Circle</i> 1:30pm</p>	10	<p>11 CONFIRMATION 6th Grade 4pm 7th-8th Girls 6pm 7th-8th Boys 7:30pm</p>	12	13	14
<p><i>Red Hymnal</i> 15 Worship Service 9:30 AM SUNDAY SCHOOL 10:30 AM Youth Meeting 6:30 at Parsonage</p>	16	17	<p>18 Council Meeting 6:00pm</p>	19	20	21
<p><i>Blue Hymnal</i> 22 Worship Service 9:30 AM SUNDAY SCHOOL 10:30 AM</p>	23	<p>24 <i>Work</i> <i>Day</i> All Day</p>	<p>25 CONFIRMATION 6th Grade 4pm 7th-8th Girls 6pm 7th-8th Boys 7:30pm</p>	26	27	28
<p><i>Red Hymnal</i> 29 <i>Youth-Led</i> Worship Service 9:30 AM SUNDAY SCHOOL 10:30 AM Spring <i>Salad Supper</i> 5:30pm <i>Newscaaster items due</i> Youth Meeting 6:30 at Parsonage</p>	30	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 10px; width: fit-content; margin: 0 auto;"> <p>Please check the Weekly Bulletin for updates to this calendar.</p> </div>				



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