

# St. Paul's Newscaster



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## Deepening the Soul

I assume for the purposes of this article that you have a soul. It's sort of a Greek concept, but it will do. Your soul is the core of you. It's who you are. Back when I was a kid there was much talk about the "salvation of my soul". I didn't really know what my soul was, or what it meant but I somehow knew that it was me. The "me" that mattered anyway.

I think it might be better for our time to think of salvation as "deepening the soul". As it is, we can believe something, and our soul is saved. Then it's on to other things. We can do better.

There are many things that deepen the soul. That develop strength of character and overcome a shallow, superficial life. Prayer and suffering, for example, have been offered for centuries. But this is religious jargon it seems, words that go in one ear and out the other, so I'll try something else.

How about this? Things that make us shallow are fast. Snap reactions, instant judgements, lust. We live in a world that values perhaps above everything else, instant gratification. I can order anything I want and it comes pretty much the next day, and there's always the TV...but it's hard on the soul. It makes for a shallow person who just buys stuff, or watches stuff, jumping from one thing to the next without much thought or reflection.

Things that deepen the soul take time. People who develop depth of character commit to things that will take longer than their lifetime to achieve. They hang in there and don't give up easily. And most importantly, for the one seeking to be like Jesus, they wrestle with their weaknesses daily. If it's anger, or people pleasing, you don't just pray and expect God to take it away. You fight it for a lifetime, and find other people who share your struggle. Day after day. And, over time, you begin to deepen and become the kind of person you were looking to be.

Our world is way too shallow and superficial. We need people of depth.

Pastor Mark

# NEWS LETTER

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Sponsoring our August Newscaster are:

**Melvin and Jean Weers in honor of their 55<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary on July 31<sup>st</sup> and  
Darin and Kendra Weers in honor of their 17<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary on August 21<sup>st</sup>.**

*We thank both couples for serving as our sponsors. It's greatly appreciated!*

## Important Notice

### PLEASE NOTE!!!

ALL information for the Newscaster is due on the LAST Sunday of each month except June, since there is a combined June/July issue. You can email information to Kendra K Weers (address in church directory) at any time, put a copy in the Newscaster mailbox on bottom row in church entry or text information/pictures to Kendra. Any information received after the deadline will be in the next month's Newscaster. Newscasters will be mailed the Thursday after the last Sunday of the month.

## School Kits Project

Eunice Circle is asking for donated items for the WELCA School Kit Project. We are hoping to send 48 School Kits this year and are in need of the following supplies:

177 – 70 sheet notebooks	34 – Scissors	40 – Rulers
236 – Pens (NO gel pens)	236 – Pencils with Eraser	
41 – Pencil Sharpeners	44 – 24 count boxes of crayons	



Your donations are appreciated for this worthwhile project and questions can be directed to Irene Gibson. An up-to-date list of items needed will be posted on the WELCA bulletin board in the fellowship area.

## St. Paul Lutheran Church Council Minutes for June 14, 2016

Pastor Mark opened the meeting with prayer. Members present were Charles Barber, Marcy Barber, Scott Beran, Jamie Hennerberg, Dave Henrichs and Jean Schmidt.

Minutes from the May meeting were reviewed. It was stated that the secretary's Council minutes are the official minutes for the church council. Dave moved to accept and Charles seconded. Motion carried.

### Treasurer's Report

Current Balance: \$1,328.90. All bills except the June Portico have been paid. Vacation Bible School went over budget, the expense could come from endowment funds. A check from B. Adelaide Sasse will be deposited in the Memorial account. Jamie moved to accept and Jean seconded. Motion carried.

### Memorial Treasurer's Report

Current Balance \$12,930.49

### Pastors Report

1 Synod Convention (2 days), 3 hospital calls, 1 Youth group meeting, 3 home communions, 1 pre-Baptism/Baptism, 4 worship services, 5 other calls, Vacation Bible School, 1 pre-marital meeting, 1 Cluster Meeting, 3 text studies, 1 Eunice Circle meeting, 1 Warren's Table. No mileage. Discussion is ongoing with the Newscaster staff.

### Vice Chairman's Report

None

### Committee Reports

- Property – 2 trees at parsonage and 2 trees north of the church need to be removed. There is some landscape work that needs to be done.
- Food Stand – food stand for Diller Picnic needs to be set up and ready.
- Mutual Ministry - planning a meeting on June 15, 2016
- Float Committee – plans for Diller Picnic have been made and things are getting done.

### Old Business

- Recognition for Rev. Dr. Delmar Wiemers was well received. Potluck was well attended.
- Culligan has fixed the water system. A billing credit will be given St. Paul since Culligan was not aware of the rental situation that occurred in January.
- Pastor informed the Council of a funeral service so chairs and tables could be set up and taken down.
- Pastor informed the Council there were no representatives at Synod Convention. St. Paul needs to work on getting members to attend.

### New Business

- Plans were made for the trees to be taken care of as soon as possible. Equipment to use will need to be found. New trees and bushes should be started. Jamie will talk to Gary Bergmeier on how to proceed and get organized.

The next council meeting will be Wednesday, July 20<sup>th</sup> at 8:00.

Jean made a motion to adjourn and Jamie seconded. Motion passed.

The meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer.

*Jean Schmidt, Council Secretary*

# St. Paul Lutheran Church Council Minutes for July 20, 2016

Pastor Mark opened the meeting with prayer. Members present were Charles Barber, Marcy Barber, Scott Beran, Jamie Hennerberg and Jean Schmidt. Dave Henrichs was absent.

Minutes from the June meeting were reviewed. Marcy moved to accept and Jean seconded. Motion passed.

## Treasurer's Report

Current Balance \$542.32. All bills except July Portico have been paid. Funds from the Thrivent account were deposited to checking to help pay bills.

Charles moved to accept and Scott seconded. Motion passed.

## Memorial Treasurer's Report

Current Balance Not Available

## Pastors Report

1 funeral, 2 pre-marital meetings, 3 hospital calls, 1 Youth group canoe trip, 1 Cluster meeting, 4 worship services, all communions done, 2 other calls. 251 miles. Pastor has been working on reading and his summer sermons for I Corinthians for the past few weeks.

## Vice Chairman's Report

None

## Committee Reports

- Food Stand – Picnic Food Stand not as successful as usual.
- Music and Worship – meeting on July 21
- Newscaster – meeting on July 31
- Christian Education/Sunday School – meeting on Sunday, August 7
- Mutual Ministry – Needs to plan a meeting.

## Old Business

- Jamie will finish making arrangements to remove the trees that need to be taken care of as soon as possible. He will get equipment and find help for the project. Possible landscape work may also be completed.
- Mowing schedule has been working well. Thanks to everyone who is helping.

## New Business

- Pastor would like to continue with the Youth Sunday service each month. It has been working well to get the Youth involved. Pastor would also like to include the Confirmation Class in Sunday services. Pastor is working on it.
- St. Paul has received a letter from Stanton Propane to lock-in a propane price for the upcoming winter months. At this time, it was decided not to contract the propane.
- Pastor informed the Council that he is on call for jury duty. He may need to serve sometime.

The next meeting will be Wednesday, August 17, 2016 at 8:00. Jamie made a motion to adjourn. Charles seconded, motion passed. The meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Jean Schmidt, Council Secretary



### TREASURER'S REPORT

General Fund Balance as of 7/17/2016

\$ 542.32

Bills Due by end of July:

July Portico

\$3,711.79

#### May/June/July

	May	Last Month: June		Current Month: July	
Current	\$7,134.40	Current	\$7,039.60	Current	\$6,000.13
Benevolence	878.60	Benevolence	1,072.40	Benevolence	845.80
World Hunger	50.00	World Hunger	25.00	World Hunger	125.00
Specials	60.00	Specials	305.00	Specials	0.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 8,123.00</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 8,442.00</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$6,970.93</b>

We need \$11,763.97 per month in **CURRENT** to meet the 2015 budget.

## Eunice Circle

# Bible Study



The Eunice Circle Bible Study met on July 11, 2016 at 1:30pm. Irene Gibson led the Bible Study, "The Heart of the Matter – Seeking God – Treasure in Clay Jars." Conflict is an opportunity to engage in the ministry of reconciliation and to become new creations in the process. When we feel that God is distant, God is most present.

Our theme verse was from Jeremiah 29:13. The study text was from Psalm 46:1-11, Romans 6:3-5, Philippians 2:1-11 and 4:2-3, I Corinthians 13 and Acts 15:36-41.

An article, "Applying Bible Principles" was read by Irene Gibson. We opened with prayer and Hymn, "God Is Here."

We closed with prayer and Hymn, "There's a Wideness in God's Mercy" and the Lord's Prayer.

The business meeting was called to order. Minutes were read and approved. Three members answered roll call. The offering was \$6.00.

Old Business: If you are able, please sign up for help at the Diller Picnic food stand. Work day will be June 28.

New Business: WELCA Unit meeting August 17, 7pm. Work day will be July 26<sup>th</sup>. All help is appreciated. Check the bulletin board for school kits items. After grace, Marla Weichel served refreshments.

Next Eunice Circle meeting will be August 8, 2016 at 1:30pm, July/August book. Norma Banahan is study leader.

*Irene Gibson, Recorder*

## Mission Work Day

Yes, we're still making quilts for Lutheran World Relief!! We've put together seven on May 24<sup>th</sup>, nine on June 28<sup>th</sup> and six on July 26<sup>th</sup>, all to be hemmed at home. Ready materials is also done at home.

More covers have been taken to Hope Crisis Center.

Ever wonder where the quilts and kits are actually sent and used?? Check the WELCA bulletin board for answers.

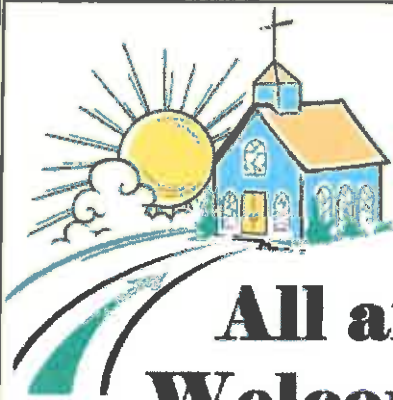
We have much material on hand, ready to be worked up. All we lack are helpers to accomplish the task. This year all the school kit bags will be purchased as no one volunteered to make them.

The great help we've had is very much appreciated! Consider joining us. We'll meet again August 23<sup>rd</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup>.



God's Work, Our Hands.





**All are  
Welcome**

**ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH  
WELCA UNIT MEETING**

**WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 17, 2016  
BEGINNING AT 7:00PM.**

**PASTOR MARK WILL BE LEADING A BIBLE STUDY  
"WITNESSING AND COMMUNITY"**

**FALL EVENTS WILL BE DISCUSSED  
WOMEN OF THE CHURCH ARE ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND**

**It's Twins!!**

Congratulations to the Families of Riley and Sonia Sasse at the birth of their twins, Kasen and Knox, born in July. The twins came some early, but Sonia and the twins are doing well.

Kevin and Barb Sasse are the proud grandparents and Bernice Ebbers is the Great-Grandparent.

God's blessing to this family and their precious little ones and may we all keep them in our prayers.



*The father of Julie Schmidt, Willard Parde, passed away in July. His funeral service was held at Christ Evangelical Church in Beatrice on Tuesday, August 2 at 10am.*

*Please remember Julie and her family in your thoughts and prayers.*

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:



**Irene Pretzer, Loretta Barber, Bernice Ebbers, Toby Fritzen, Kay Taylor,  
Kaye Schlake, Dylan Nippert, Mallory Helton and Skylar Folkers.**

## DILLER PICNIC 2016

“Our Future In Christ” was the theme of the 2016 parade entry for St. Paul Lutheran. The float, in tones of blue and silver, depicted the golden gates of Heaven and Christ extending a welcoming hand to all. “Come, come to me and join me for all eternity.”

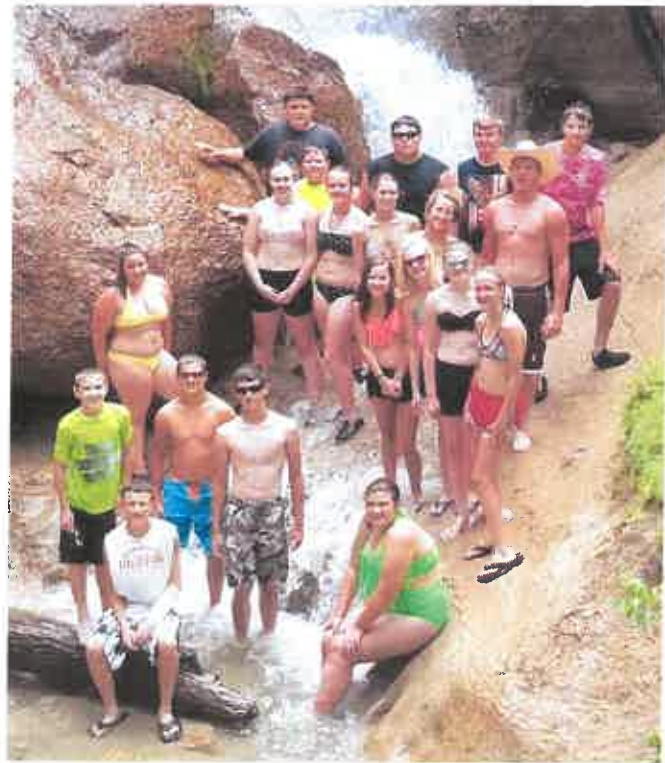
The float was created by Irene Gibson, Jeanette Bures, Virginia Lottman, Sherry and Dave Henrichs and Beth and Dean Roelfs. Ardith Barber and Robbyn Roelfs helped to disassemble the entry.

Riding in the parade were (l to r): Cole Ebeling, Hannah Ebeling, Brianna Weers, Joely Weers and Pastor Mark Liscom. Allen Roelfs pulled the entry accompanied by Stacy and Aubrey Roelfs.

Thanks go out to Brian and Darin Weers for allowing the church to build/store the float at their building and for providing the trailer.

We hope you were proud of our witness to the community.

- Submitted by Beth Roelfs



### Luther League Canoe Trip

St. Paul Lutheran's Youth Group went on their annual float trip on June 28-29, 2016.

Twenty Youth and three adults (and one thunderstorm) had a great time of fun and fellowship on the Niobrara river.

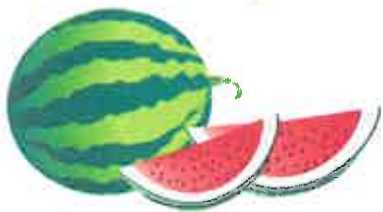
▶ St. Paul Lutheran will once again be serving Warren's Table in Beatrice on Tuesday, September 13, 2016. Monetary donations may be given to either Cleo Perkins or Betty Damrow. Your support of this community project is greatly appreciated!!!



▶ Sunday School Teachers meeting following worship on Sunday, August 7

▶ Women of the ELCA Unit Meeting on Wednesday, August 17

▶ Anyone interested in being a part of the Church Choir, please see Pastor Mark



### August Birthdays

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

### 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 24, 1958

☞ Mr. & Mrs. Guilford & Ardyce Wiemers

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







**August 7 Sunday Worship Service**  
**With Holy Communion**  
 Worship Assistant, Dennis Hennerberg  
 Greeter, Franklin Damrow

**August 14 Sunday Worship Service**  
 Worship Assistant, Brian Hennerberg  
 Greeter, Jim Bures

**August 21 Sunday Worship Service**  
 Worship Assistant, Sherry Henrichs  
 Greeter, Dean Pretzer

**August 28 Sunday Worship Service**  
 Worship Assistant, Kendra K. Weers  
 Greeter, Charles Barber



**September 4 Sunday Worship Service**  
**With Holy Communion**  
 Worship Assistant, David Henrichs  
 Greeter, Jim Damrow



Adam Roelfs    Dean Roelfs  
 Doug Schmidt    Spencer Schmidt

Jonathan Schmidt    Kevin Sasse  
 Jamie Schultis    Caleb Schultis

Tim Scheele    Jesse Scheele  
 Cody Scheele    Russell Schultis

Brian Weers    Darin Weers  
 Melvin Weers    Doyle Wolken

Charles Barber    Dale Beran  
 Melvin Beran    Scott Beran



Tori Smith

Jadyn Schultis

Ezekiel Jones

Mykah Folkers

Addison Heidemann



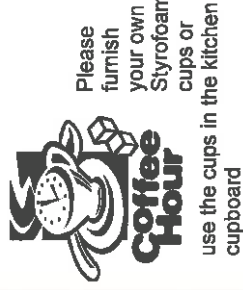
Pastor Mark

Sheri Schultis

Jeanette Bures

Beth Roelfs

Pastor Mark



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

Jan Gold  
 Kristen Heidemann

Shannon Stein  
 Robbyn Roelfs

Ardith Barber  
 Marcy Barber

Jean Weers  
 Ruth Horsky

Cindy Lottman  
 Shelly Smith

# August 2016



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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
<p><b>PLEASE NOTE!!</b></p> <p>ALL Newscaster items are due the last Sunday of the month. Anything received after that will be in the next month's Newscaster.</p>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>
<p>Red Hymnal <b>7</b> Worship Service 9:30 AM Holy Communion</p> <p><b>SUNDAY SCHOOL</b> Teacher Meeting Following Worship</p>	<b>8</b> <i>Eunice Circle</i> 1:30pm	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>
<p>Blue Hymnal <b>14</b> Worship Service 9:30 AM</p>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	 <p><i>Women of the ELCA</i> Unit Meeting 7pm Council Meeting 8:00 pm</p>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>
<p>Red Hymnal <b>21</b> Worship Service 9:30 AM SUNDAY SCHOOL BEGINS 10:30 AM</p>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> <b>Work Day</b> <b>Day</b> All Day	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> <i>Odell Days</i>
<p>Blue Hymnal <b>28</b> Worship Service 9:30 AM SUNDAY SCHOOL 10:30 AM <i>Newscaster items due</i> Youth Meeting 6:30 at Parsonage</p>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> <b>Work Day</b> <b>Day</b> All Day	<b>31</b> Confirmation Begins 7:00pm			



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