

# St. Paul Newscaster



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## Desire

I'm fascinated by desire. On the one hand, to desire is to be alive. If we lose desire it is one of the most painful realities in life. It's depression. You don't really want to do anything. Everyone, I think, has their "hearts desire".

But on the other hand desire can be the death of us. The inability to say no to desire is what we call addiction. When you can't resist what you desire, you're in big trouble. To be driven by your desires is just as depressing as not having any desire at all.

So how do we deal with this? Should we squash our desires? This is often what happens I think. We're taught that our desires are "bad", which leads to guilt and depression. On the other hand, obsessive desire leads to anger and hostility and destruction which is just as depressing. Because we discover that what we desire is often blocked. By everyone else's desire!

So it seems that we need to learn how to have strong desires without being ruled by them. I love chocolate cake. I like that desire. But I can say no to it. I will not be ruled by it. The paradox is this: Now I'm beginning to find the kind of life I really desire and want. I begin to find a true freedom and real serenity.

Psalm 37:4 says, "Take delight in the Lord, and he will give you the desires of your heart." How interesting to realize that all you desire is found in not having to have all that you desire.

*Pastor Mark*

# NEWS LETTER

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Church Council – Jean Schmidt    Treasurer – Allen Roelfs  
WELCA – Robbyn Roelfs    Eunice Circle – Irene Gibson    Work Day – Carolyn Schultis  
Sunday School and VBS – Kristen Hennerberg and Kristen Heidemann

Worship Committee – Council    Mutual Ministry Committee - Council  
Birthdays & Anniversaries – Judy DeBoer and Jane Pretzer  
WELCA Coffee List – Jan Gold    Acolyte List – Kendra K Weers  
Worship Assistants and Ushers List – Sherry Henrichs

*Sponsors for the September Newscaster are*

**Franklin and Betty Damrow  
and**

**Scott and Linda Beran  
in Honor of their Wedding Anniversary**

*Thank You for your Sponsorship!!*



*The 2019 Sponsor sign-up sheet has been posted. If you have a major event you would like to honor by your sponsorship, be sure to sign up early to get the month you want. Thank you!*



Come one, come all!  
The entire community is invited to  
**Worship in the Park**  
and our  
**Sunday School Kickoff**  
and **Family Fun day** on  
**Sunday, September 16, 2018**  
beginning at **9:30am.**

Please come and join us for worship,  
fellowship, fun and games at the Park!  
Free-will offering for lunch.

See you there!



# St. Paul Lutheran Church Council Minutes for August 15, 2018

Pastor Mark opened the meeting with a prayer and a spiritual devotion video on prayer and hearing God's voice. Members present were Melvin Beran, David Henrichs, Cindy Lottman, Allen Roelfs, Jean Schmidt, and Jamie Schultis. Minutes from the July meeting were reviewed. Allen moved to accept the minutes, and Jamie seconded. Motion passed.

## TREASURER'S REPORT

Allen reported that the current balance is \$28.86. All bills have been paid; the Norris Public Power, SolutionOne, and the exterminator bill will be paid upon receipt by the end of the month. The prepayment for the contract with Stanton Propane has been paid. Cindy moved to accept, and Jean seconded. Motion passed.

## MEMORIAL TREASURER'S REPORT

Jamie reported that the current balance is \$13,308.48, including the month's interest. There was no meeting or activity for the month. Melvin moved to accept, and Allen seconded. Motion passed.

## PASTOR'S REPORT

Pastor Mark presented his report, no written report available. No mileage.

- Pastor Mark plans to begin a series on prayer and hearing God's voice after church services, in an adult ed forum.
- Pastor Mark has been working on confirmation and youth group activities for this fall.

## COMMITTEE REPORT

- Christian Education--Sunday School will begin on Sunday, August 19. An outdoor service is being planned for September 16.
- Memorial Committee--presented an idea for improving access to the restrooms because the doors are heavy and hard to open. Jamie will check into what could be completed and the cost of the work.

## OLD BUSINESS

- Council discussed having another new member service for those unable to attend the first one.
- Council discussed new assistant ministers and getting those interested on the calendar to begin helping at services.
- The exterminator has sprayed the church area.
- Council discussed beginning the Listening Process on August 28, 2018. The Bishop and other committee members will meet with and discuss questions with the congregation. A letter will be sent out to inform the congregation about the procedure.

## NEW BUSINESS

- Council discussed health insurance for Pastor Mark. Allen made a motion to have Pastor Mark change health insurance coverage once Diller Odell Public Schools has active insurance on Jan and Nathan. Jamie seconded. Motion passed.
- Allen presented a letter he had received from a company about repairing brick mortar. After discussion, the council decided there was no interest and the letter should be disregarded.
- Council discussed a letter that had been received from the head pope about a new activity beginning. After discussion, the council decided there was no interest, and St. Paul will not participate.
- Allen reported the information for Portico 2019 is available. Changes need to be completed by the end of October.

The next council meeting will be on Wednesday, September 19, 2018, at 6:00 p.m. The meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer. Jamie made a motion to adjourn, and Cindy seconded. Motion passed.

Jean Schmidt, Council Secretary

<b>TREASURER'S REPORT</b>			
<b>General Fund Balance as of 8/23/2018</b>		<b>\$ 1,157.43</b>	
Bills Due by end of August	Norris Public Power \$360.00	Solution One	\$153.32
	Ram Exterminators \$50.00	<b>Total Due:</b>	<b>\$ 563.32</b>
<i>Last Month: July</i>		<i>Current Month: August</i>	
Current	\$ 15,229.50	Current	\$ 5,891.00
Benevolence	470.50	Benevolence	219.00
World Hunger	75.00	World Hunger	25.00
Specials	180.00	Specials	0.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 15,955.00</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 6,135.00</b>
<b>We need \$12,307.87 in CURRENT per month to meet the 2018 budget.</b>			



## Study <sup>the</sup> Bible with us



# Eunice Circle

Eunice Circle met on August 13, 2018 at 1:30pm. Linda Behrends led our Bible Study. "Let Us Pray - The expressions of prayer." Prayer doesn't just affect us personally and communally, it affects the very mission of the church. Our prayers are communications with our Creator.

Our focus text and Bible study text was from Romans 8:26 thru 28 and 1 Corinthians 12:4 thru 11. The theme verse was Romans 8:26.

We opened with prayer and Hymn, "The Spirit Intercedes For Us." We closed with prayer and Hymn, "Lift Every Voice and Sing," 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 \$12.00.

Old Business: Will put notice in bulletin and will put out container for collection of funds to purchase School Kit supplies. August 29<sup>th</sup> - WELCA meeting. Work days July 24<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup>.

New Business: We finalized our program for WELCA meeting - August 29<sup>th</sup>. Discussed program of projects. Work Day - August 28<sup>th</sup>.

After Grace, Marla Weichel served refreshments.

Next Eunice Circle meeting will be September 10, 2018 at 1:30pm, September book. Kay Taylor will be Study Leader.

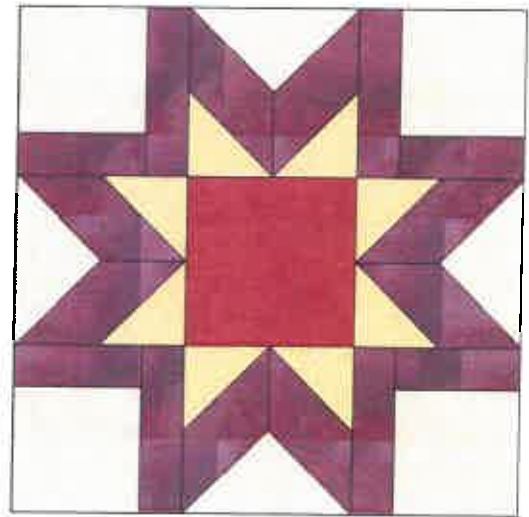
- Irene Gibson, Recorder

## Mission Work Day

We met on August 27 where nine quilts were tied and taken home to be hemmed.

The day also involved ripping seams, threading needles and sorting fabrics to be taken home and sized. Fellowship and cookies were enjoyed before going home.

Our next work days will be September 25 and October 23. On October 30, the quilts will be boxed and ready for delivery the first part of November.



Thanks to all who make this mission possible.

Thanks be to God!



*We extend our deepest sympathy to Donna Damrow on the recent passing of her brother. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. May God's healing Grace comfort you during this difficult time.*

*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*

*Congratulations to Justin and Shania Sasse who were married at St. Paul Lutheran on Saturday, August 25. Justin is the son of Ron and Mindy Sasse and the grandson of ReJeanna and the late Larry Sasse. We wish for them many years of happiness.*



The VBS children collected food for their Bible School service project, and did they ever collect food!!

The kids donated a total of 99.8 pounds to the Blue Valley Community Action Food Pantry in Fairbury, just shy of 100 pounds!!!

Congratulations, kids; you fed many local families with your generous donations. Thank you!!



On August 26<sup>th</sup>, St. Paul's Youth began leading the last Sunday of the month morning worship service and coffee fellowship hour.

Greeter was Esdon Weers and Ushers were Brianna Weers, Skylar Pretzer, Christopher Schmidt and Esdon Weers. Worship Assistant was Neleigh Weers. There was no Children's Sermon.

First reading of Scripture was read by Brianna Weers, Second Scripture reading was by Skylar Pretzer and the Gospel was read by Christopher Schmidt.

The refreshments were served by Brianna Weers and Skylar Pretzer.

The Youth will serve the Warren's Community Table meal in Beatrice on Sunday, September 9 at 4pm, and then have a Movie Night and meeting that evening at the parsonage at 6:30. Hope to see you all there!!





## School Kits Project

The Women of the ELCA (WELCA) are taking free-will donations to help purchase supplies for backpacks that will be sent to Lutheran World Relief in the fall. Last year, our WELCA was able to send 75 backpacks to LWR. They would like to do this again. Please see a WELCA officer if you would like to donate to this important ministry.

From the Editor

*Have You Seen It?!?? St Paul Lutheran has a website that contains current and past copies of the Newscaster. Please check it out at [www.stpauldiller.com](http://www.stpauldiller.com).*

**Have a church – related article of interest?** Submit it to the staff (Me)...I will do everything I can to include it in the next Newscaster. Only church-related or church member articles, please. (If it is not church-related or about a church member, it will not be included, sorry)



Beginning on Sunday, August 26, Pastor Mark will be showing a video series entitled, "Hearing God: Developing a Conversational Intimacy with God." The video sessions last about 30 minutes.

August 26, The First Session: You were created for an intimate relationship with God.

Please come join us for a wonderful message and discussion.



## September Wedding Anniversaries

September 1, 1967

☞ Mr. & Mrs. Jim and Jeanette Bures

September 5, 2010

☞ Mr. & Mrs. Trevor White

September 5, 2010

☞ Mr. & Mrs. Scott and Linda Beran

September 29, 1968

☞ Mr. & Mrs. David and Leana Lottman

September 7, 1947

☞ Mr. & Mrs. Franklin & Betty Damrow



## September Birthdays

1 Gail Engelman

1 Cassandra Lottman

4 Jackie Smith

5 Riley Sasse

6 Cathy Lyons

7 Jamie Schultis

8 Tim Scheele

9 Betty Damrow

10 Guilford Wiemers

10 Andrew Graves

11 Shawn Lottman

11 Aubrey Roelfs

12 Clayton Spilker

12 Draedyn Sasse

13 Richard Schnuelle

14 Norman Balderson

14 Ryan Nippert

14 Reid Rallis

16 Charles Barber

16 Cheryl Denner

17 Cindy Bartlett

17 B.J. Stein

17 Shannon Stein

18 Robbyn Roelfs

19 Kelsay Schlichtman

20 Hollie Crawford

21 Angie Clifford

23 Ann Parde

23 Christopher Schmidt

24 Skylar Pretzer

24 Mallory Helton

25 Alexis Parde

25 Tori Smith

26 Kay Taylor

26 Kevin Sasse

26 Matthew Nippert

27 David Lottman

30 Kristen Hennerberg



**September 2 Sunday Worship Service**  
**With Holy Communion**  
 Worship Assistant, Diane Wellsandt  
 Greeter, Jim Damrow

**September 9 Sunday Worship Service**  
 Worship Assistant, Kendra K. Weers  
 Greeter, Don Meyer

**September 16 Sunday Worship Service**  
 Worship Assistant, Jamie Schultis  
 Greeter, Dennis Nippert

**September 23 Sunday Worship Service**  
 Worship Assistant, Sherry Henrichs  
 Greeter, Dean Pretzer

**September 30 Sunday Worship Service**  
 Worship Assistant, Youth Group  
 Greeter, Youth Group



**October 7 Sunday Worship Service**  
**With Holy Communion**  
 Worship Assistant, Jim Damrow  
 Greeter, Jim Bures



Allen Roelfs Adam Roelfs  
 Dean Roelfs B.J. Stein

Russell Schultis Tim Scheele  
 Jesse Scheele Cody Scheele

Doug Schmidt Spencer Schmidt  
 Jonathan Schmidt  
 Christopher Schmidt

Jamie Schultis Caleb Schultis  
 Darin Weers Robert Weers

Youth Group

Kevin Sasse Karter Sasse  
 Riley Sasse Brian Weers



Zachary Warren  
 Keira Hennerberg

Xavier Jones  
 Spencer Weers

Skylar Folkers  
 David Parde

Karli Heidemann  
 Zachary Warren

Xavier Jones  
 Keira Hennerberg



Pastor Mark

Jean  
 Schmidt

Sheri  
 Schultis

Beth Roelfs

Youth Group

Pastor Mark



Leatha Christ  
 Sondra Germer

Judy DeBoer  
 Courtney Lottman

Family Night  
 Committee

Peggy Hemphill  
 Jane Pretzer

Angie Clifford  
 Hollie Pretzer

Jan Gold  
 Radene Beran

# September 2018



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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
<b>First Communion Sunday, October 7</b>						<b>1</b>
<p><i>Red Hymnal</i> <b>2</b>  <b>Worship Service</b>                      9:30 AM                      NO SUNDAY SCHOOL</p>	<b>3</b>  LABOR <i>Day</i>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> Confirmation Parents Night 7:00pm	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>
<p><i>Blue Hymnal</i> <b>9</b>  <b>Worship Service</b>                      9:30 AM                      SUNDAY SCHOOL 10:30 AM                      WARREN'S COMMUNITY TABLE                      Served by Youth                        Youth Movie Night                      6:30 at Parsonage</p>	<b>10</b> Eunice Circle 1:30pm	<b>11</b>  Patriot Day	<b>12</b> Confirmation Service Project at Gardenside 6:30pm	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>
<p><b>16</b>  <b>6</b>                      Worship                      In The Park                      9:30 AM                        SUNDAY SCHOOL KICKOFF                      AND CELEBRATION                      WITH FREE-WILL OFFERING                      FOR MEAL</p>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> Council Meeting 8:00pm	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>
<p><i>Blue Hymnal</i> <b>23</b>  <b>Worship Service</b>                      9:30 AM                      SUNDAY SCHOOL 10:30 AM</p>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> Work Day All Day	<b>26</b> CONFIRMATION 6 <sup>th</sup> Grade 4pm 7 <sup>th</sup> -8 <sup>th</sup> Grade 7pm	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> WELCA AUTUMN RENEWAL REGISTRATION DUE	<b>29</b> First Communion and Acolyte Class 10:30am-Noon
<p><i>Red Hymnal</i> <b>30</b>                      Youth-Led  <b>Worship Service</b>                      9:30 AM                      SUNDAY SCHOOL 10:30 AM                      Youth Meeting 6:30                      at Parsonage                      Newscaster items due</p>				ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH PO Box 37 DILLER, NE 68342		