

St. Paul Newscaster



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Prayer and a Cold

A lot of us have been sick lately. I got it too. It hasn't been that bad, but the thing about this kind of virus or whatever it is, is that it doesn't go away very fast. It's been almost a month since I got whatever I had and I still have a little something that isn't quite gone yet. But it is, in fact, getting better. Some days it was hard to feel like I was getting better. But over time, day after day of dealing with it, I began to realize that I wouldn't have this virus forever.

Usually whatever healing needs to happen takes time. Even if you get a cut on your finger, it's not instantly cured. But over time the healing takes place and usually virtually unnoticeable.

I think this is a great approach thinking about prayer. Prayer is essentially request. So let's say that you have something in your life that you would like some help with. So you ask God to get involved in it and offer whatever help is needed.

You have to keep in mind, that it will take some time. God usually doesn't give instant answers. Instead, it's like getting over a cold. It just takes a while. Usually before God can answer any prayer you have, you yourself will have to be prepared for the answer. That takes time. Then, slowly, maybe even imperceptibly you will realize over time that you are indeed getting help.

So stick with it. Stay with it. That's the key. It's a way of life, not something tacked on to a busy schedule. The answer comes, often in a way that you may never have expected. But one day you'll realize, that something has been at work in you for a while. Making things better.

Pastor Mark

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Please note that the sign-up sheet for 2019 sponsorships is up and six are still available.

There is one available for April, one for September and both for October and November. Please consider sponsoring a Newscaster to continue providing this communication tool to the members of the congregation.

Sweetheart Supper

Take your sweetheart out for a lovely evening
Brought to you by our Youth
On Sunday, February 17

\$20 per couple

Seating times are 5:30, 6:30 and 7:30pm

Contact a member of our Youth for a reservation



St. Paul Lutheran Church Council Minutes for January 16, 2019

Pastor Mark opened with a reading from Romans and a prayer. Members present were Melvin Beran, David Henrichs, Cindy Lottman, Allen Roelfs, Jean Schmidt, and Jamie Schultis. Jamie made a motion to correct the minutes from December, 2018, to change the memorial treasurer's balance to \$13,317.38. An error had been made when stating the balance at the meeting. Allen moved to accept the amended minutes, and Jamie seconded. Motion passed.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Allen reported that the current balance is \$8,109.65. All outstanding bills have been paid, including Portico and Pastor Mark's salary. Other monthly bills will be paid by the end of the month. There was a donation to Stanton Propane for payment of the bill to St. Paul for delivered propane. Jamie moved to accept, and Cindy seconded. Motion passed.

MEMORIAL TREASURER'S REPORT

Jamie reported that the current balance is \$13,319.64, including the month's interest. No financial activity for the month. The year-end report for the endowment fund showed a fourth quarter loss and a year-end balance of \$17,570.94. Allen moved to accept, and Melvin seconded. Motion passed.

PASTOR'S REPORT

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

- Pastor Mark and Megan have met to discuss a mentor for the Vision Team. No mentor has been found to serve.
- Transformational committee will be attending the upcoming meeting in Lincoln.
- Pastor Mark will attend a conference on February 2, 2019, in Grand Island with one congregation member.
- Synod would like Pastor Mark to attend a retreat in Arizona on February 4-11, 2019. Pastor will not be here for the Sunday service on February 10, 2019; Pastor Mark will contact a supply pastor.
- Pastor Mark is working on Lenten services. Pastor has signed up for the round robin services again. Confirmation during Lent may be held on Sundays.

COMMITTEE REPORT

- Memorial--met with family to discuss possible new lighting for the church.
- Nominating--is working on completing the annual meeting voting ballot for council and nominating committee members.
- Property--has repaired the ceiling tiles from the water/snow damage in the front of the church.

OLD BUSINESS

- Council continued discussion on changing the bank accounts from Fairbury to State Bank of Odell. Council decided to discuss switching banks at the annual meeting with the congregation.
- Council continued discussion on printing the newscaster and using an electronic version for congregation members who would prefer an online instead of paper copy. Council decided to discuss the two options at the annual meeting with the congregation.


NEW BUSINESS

- An individual who was seated on the Vision Team has accepted a nomination for Church Council. If elected, they will not serve on the Vision Team. Another volunteer has been found to replace the individual. The council agreed to seat the volunteer as part of the Vision Team.
- Council discussed Pastor Mark attending a retreat in Arizona. Allen made a motion to allow Pastor Mark to attend the retreat at Mesa, AR, from February 4, 2019, through February 11, 2019, with a supply pastor on Sunday, February 10, 2019. Cindy seconded. Motion passed.
- Council discussed having meals before the Lenten services again this year. Council decided since it was well received and provided a positive experience, it would be worthwhile. Council will make a final decision at the next meeting.

The next council meeting will be on Wednesday, February 20, 2019, 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 1/20/2019		\$ 8,109.65	
Bills Due by end of January	Ram Exterminators	50.00	Norris Public Power \$ 267.00
			Solution One <u>157.84</u>
			Total Due: \$ 474.84
December/January			
<i>Last Month: December</i>		<i>Current Month: January as of 1/20</i>	
Current	\$ 19,319.66	Current	\$ 8,046.46
Benevolence	2,783.40	Benevolence	190.80
World Hunger	125.00	World Hunger	0.00
Specials	<u>355.00</u>	Specials	<u>0.00</u>
TOTAL	\$ 22,583.06	TOTAL	\$ 8,237.26
We need \$10,111.21 in CURRENT per month to meet the 2019 budget.			



Minutes for the Annual Meeting of St. Paul Lutheran Church, ELCA, January 20, 2019

The 2019 Annual Meeting was called to order by council president David Henrichs. There were 58 congregation members present. Pastor Mark opened the meeting with prayer. Minutes from the 2018 annual meeting were read and reviewed. Beth Roelfs moved to accept the minutes, and Gary Bergmeier seconded. Motion passed.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE AND BALLOT REPORT

- Marcy Barber presented the church council ballot. Nominated for council were Darin Weers and Tyler Wolken. Nominations opened for other names. No other names. Ardith Barber moved to accept the council ballot, and Kendra K. Weers seconded. Motion passed.
- Marcy Barber presented the nominating committee ballot. Nominated for the nominating committee were Jim Damrow, Jamie Hennerberg, and Scott Pretzer. Cindy Lottman and Allen Roelfs, council representatives, will be members. Nominations opened for other names. Beth Roelfs volunteered to serve on the nominating committee. Having no more nominations, nominations ceased.
- David Henrichs clarified that auditors are not voted on as stated in the agenda. The auditors are appointed by the council.
- Marcy Barber explained the Diller Picnic Food Stand ballot. If operating the food stand, vote for one: 80% to the general fund or 60% to the general fund. If the 80% vote passes, the remaining 20% will be sent to top vote from 1 of 3: Benevolence, Blue Valley or World Hunger. If the 60% vote passes, the remaining 40% will be divided between the top 2 votes: Benevolence, Blue Valley or World Hunger.
- Allen Roelfs explained the 2019 proposed budget vote. Pastor Mark's salary will increase. The increase is in line with the recommendations of the Synod/rate of inflation. A big change will occur with Pastor Mark's insurance. Pastor Mark's insurance now only provides for his coverage. Other family members are now covered under insurance not paid for by St. Paul Lutheran Church. Council had checked around for alternative insurance options. At this time, no better choice was found. Council reduced some budget lines to be more realistic in amount. Discussion about the budget followed. After the discussion, Kevin Sasse made a motion for a ballot vote to pass the budget on a line-by-line basis. Karter Sasse seconded. David Henrichs explained what a line-by-line vote meant. Barb Sasse made a motion to amend the motion to a vote to pass the budget on a category-by-category basis. Karter Sasse seconded. Voting took place.

PASTOR'S REPORT

- What is the business of the church? The business of church, is participating in what God is doing in the world.
- Nebraska Synod Listening Team. This year St. Paul Lutheran Church had the bishop, assistant to the bishop, and a listening team of pastors listen to concerns of the congregation. The outcome was generally positive.
- Transformational Ministry Committee. Transformation is a spiritual process. It is doing the work to open ourselves to that transforming vision.
- St. Paul Vision Committee. A team has been created to work with Pastor Mark, the council, and the congregation to define goals and objectives with time frames and measurable outcomes.
- Our programs continue to be involved in activities. The groups include youth group, confirmation, and Adult Education.
- This year's Mission Festival was very engaging and encouraging.
- Thank you to everyone who works to make the church happen and supports this ministry. Pastor Mark.

AUDITOR'S REPORT

- Dean Pretzer, Stacy Schlichtman, and Marcy Barber were the 2018 auditors. The auditors found the books to be in order.

VOTING RESULTS

- The first vote was on the amended motion to vote to pass the budget on a category-by-category basis: yes--18; no--37.
- The second vote was on the original motion to vote to pass the budget on a line-by-line basis: yes--12; no--41.
- Elected to church council: Darin Weers--55; Tyler Wolken--55.
- Elected to nominating committee: Jim Damrow--56; Jamie Hennerberg--56; Scott Pretzer--56; Beth Roelfs--53.
- If asked to operate the Diller Picnic Food Stand: yes--51; no--1.
- Funds from the Diller Picnic Food Stand would go to: 80% general fund--42; 60% general fund--13. 20% to Benevolence--18; 20% to Blue Valley--25; 20% to World Hunger--11.
- Proposed Budget: yes--41; no--13

David Henrichs opened a discussion on the church moving accounts from Fairbury to the Odell State Bank of Odell. After discussing options, David Henrichs asked for a vote by show of hands for interest in moving the accounts. A positive response was shown. Not all accounts will/must be moved.

David Henrichs opened a discussion on receiving the Newscaster electronically. After discussion, David stated that if a member of the congregation would like to receive only an electronic version, they should request to have their name removed from the mailing list.

Jamie Schultis informed the congregation the memorial committee is working on possibly installing new lighting in the church. Nothing definite has been planned, but memorial funds will be used if the project is completed.

Ardith Barber acknowledged the two resigning work group leaders and stated that there are two new work group leaders.

David Henrichs reported that the damaged ceiling tiles have been replaced. David Henrichs reported that the safe combination had been found and the safe opened. David Henrichs reported the members of the Vision Team had been seated. Those members include: Linda Beran, Jeanette Bures, Jim Damrow, Dennis Hennerberg, Jane Pretzer, Sheri Schultis, Melvin Weers, and Marla Weichel.

Pastor Mark offered a prayer in remembrance of those that passed away in 2018: Darrell Sasse and Neil Roelfs. Many congregation members are owed a lot of thanks for everything that gets done for our church. Without all the volunteers and contributions, projects would not get completed. A big thank you to everyone!!

Pastor Mark offered a prayer for members of the congregation and their families.

Gary Bergmeier made a motion to adjourn, and Charles Barber seconded. Motion passed. David Henrichs closed the 2019 St. Paul Lutheran Church annual meeting.

- Jean Schmidt, Council Secretary

St. Paul Women of the ELCA Unit Meeting

February Unit Meeting of the St. Paul WELCA

Thursday February, 21, 2019

1:00pm

Discussion will include our 2019 Activities.

The Executive Board includes Ardith Barber, Robbyn Roelfs, Jeanette Bures and Linda Behrends.

All women of the church welcome to come.

Please bring a couple of favorite Bible Verses to share.



Work Day

The Work Day group met regularly during the year to assemble hand-tied quilts. Others were busy working on school kits, personal care kits and baby care kits.

St. Paul's delivered 50 baby care kits, 75 school kits, 12 personal care kits and 84 hand-tied quilts to Lutheran World Relief. So many individuals have made these blessings possible, we thank everyone for their generous contributions and witness of faith.

We pray the Holy Spirit inspires us to continue this work.

(Taken from Annual Report)



Kendra K Weers has had some medical issues and is undergoing treatment for Bells Palsy.

Some area children that are close to congregation members have tragically died from illness or accidents recently.

Please keep these families and our church in your prayers as people recover and for those who grieve for the children.

Please also 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:

**Betty and Frankfin Damrow, Richard Schnuelle,
Eden Lottman and Skylar Folkers.**



St. Paul's Youth have had a busy month. On January 27th, St. Paul's Youth again assisted with the Sunday morning worship service and coffee fellowship hour.

Greeters were Christopher Schmidt and Hollie Crawford and Ushers were Isaiah Weers, Christopher Schmidt, Esdon Weers and Zeke Jones. Worship Assistant was Neleigh Weers. The Children's Sermon was led by Isaiah Weers, who talked about promises and symbols of promises, like a wedding ring, a stamp on an envelope, or a signature on a credit card receipt. They all symbolize a promise that has been made -- to be faithful in your marriage, that the post office will deliver your letter to the person it is addressed to or that you will pay for a credit charge that has been made.

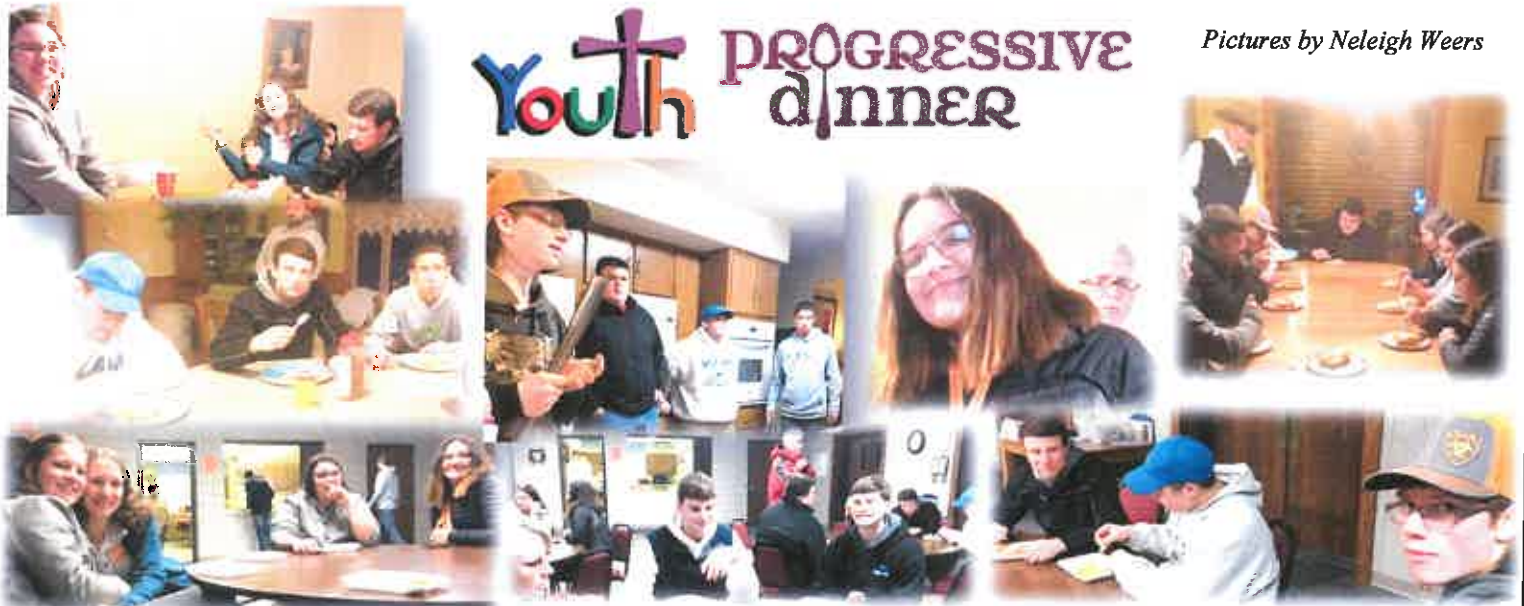
Do all people keep promises? No, but God does!! Jesus read scripture in the Synagogue about the promise of his arrival, fulfilling God's promise to the people of Israel, and we thank God for always keeping his promises.

First reading of Scripture was read by Jesse Scheele and the Second Scripture was read by Bryston Warren. The Gospel was read by Jady Schultis. The refreshments were served by Brianna Weers, Hollie Crawford and Haley Jones.



Youth PROGRESSIVE dinner

Pictures by Neleigh Weers



On the evening of January 20th, thirteen Youth attended a progressive supper. They started at the Church for snacks hosted by Joyce Lahodny, moved to Jim and Jeanette Bures' home for pasta salad, then on to Tim and Jill Scheele's for lasagna, then ended up back at the church for cheesecake provided by Jennifer Warren. It was a fun evening of food and fellowship. They also had their monthly meeting in the evening of January 27th at the Parsonage.

Sweetheart Supper will be on Sunday, February 17 at the Church for \$20 per couple and there are seating times available at 5:30, 6:30 and 7:30. Please contact Jill Scheele or a Youth member after worship services.



On Sunday, January 27 following worship, the Diller Community Foundation Fund held their granting ceremony after a delicious spaghetti dinner.

Our Congregation received a wonderful Grant from the Foundation for \$250 that will go towards the VBS program for whatever is needed. Thank you to the Foundation and all the donors!

Pastor Mark and some of our youth accept the \$250 grant from the Diller Community Foundation Fund at their annual Granting Ceremony



Eunice Circle

Eunice Circle met on January 14, 2019 at 1:30pm. Linda Behrends led the Bible study, "Meetings with Jesus." What can we learn about God from Jesus' life and ministry? Come and see: seeking and finding faith. In the Gospel of John we contemplate the mystery of God through Jesus.

Our theme verse was from John 1:39a. Study texts were from John 1:1-14 and John 1:29-51 and John 2:1-23.

We opened with a prayer and Hymn, "God Whose Almighty Word." We closed with prayer and Hymn, "Jesus, Come! For We Invite You" and The Lord's Prayer.

Norma called our meeting to order. Minutes were read and approved. Four (4) members answered Roll Call. Our offering was \$9.00.

Old Business: WELCA will meet in January. No Work Day in December.

New Business: WELCA met in January. Projects are; school kits and personal care kits. We will give program at one WELCA meeting. Work Days are January 22nd and 29th.

After Grace, Marla Weichel served refreshments.

Next Eunice Circle meeting will be February 11, 2019 at 1:30pm, January/February book. Norma Banahan will be study leader.

- Irene Gibson. Recorder



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CHILDREN'S CARING PROJECT

The Caring Project for the children and crew of the Christmas Eve Program, "Setting the Stage for Jesus" was the Ronald McDonald House in Omaha. They lovingly donated \$187.82 to support families dealing with scary times of sickness.

Thank you to the children and all those who donated to our Caring Project!!!

Congratulations to Joseph and McKenzie Henrichs of the birth of their son, Zander Joseph, who was born on January 14th in Lincoln.

Proud Grandparents are David and Sherry Henrichs and Great-Grandmother is Cleo Perkins

May God's Blessings be with this new family



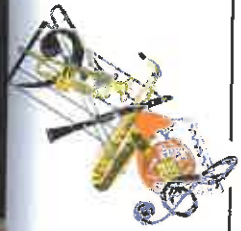
Many thank yous go to several members of our congregation.

~ Thank you, Pastor Mark, the Schultis Family and the several unknown helpers that bladed the parking lot and sidewalks for snow removal after all the storms we've had recently.

~ Thank you, Pr. John Snyder, who provided some wonderful Special Music during worship services on January 27th. He shared his incredible talents with the song, "How Great Thou Art" and included the congregation. He is the Brother-In-Law of David Henrichs and Elizabeth Roelfs.

Thank you for sharing your gifts with us!

Congratulations, Pioneer Conference Honor Band!!



On Monday, January 14, ten members of the Diller-Odell Band were selected for and participated in the Pioneer Conference Honor Band at Wymore Southern High School and performed five selections under the direction of Roger Thaden, a twice-retired music educator at schools in Lincoln and Omaha, and now enjoys performing and traveling in retirement.

Youth from our church that were selected were Kelsay Schlichtman, Neleigh Weers and Brianna Weers. Schools that were represented were Diller-Odell, Friend, Lewiston, Pawnee City, Sterling, Wymore Southern and Tri-County with a total of 67 students. Practicing only that day together, it was a wonderful concert.

Thank You!!

In January, donated coats were delivered to the Coat Pantry in Beatrice by David Henrichs, just in time for some really frigid weather.

Thank you so much for your donations...it truly does take a village.



happy anniversary

February 14, 1965

☞ Mr. & Mrs. Dean & Sharon Lottman

February 18, 1984

☞ Mr. & Mrs. Kevin & Barb Sasse

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| 4 Leyton Speth | 16 Hayley Jones |
| 4 Addison Stein | 17 Charles Whitehead |
| 5 Rick Garton | 17 Chris Schlichtman |
| 5 Kristin Heidemann | 18 Shawn Weers |
| 6 Margery Keefover | 18 Elliot Sasse |
| 6 Keira Hennerberg | 19 Ardith Barber |
| 8 Tara Sasse | 20 Toni Landenberger |
| 9 Creyton Heidemann | 21 Ezekial Jones |
| 10 Joel Holtmeier | 23 Shyla Goldsberry |
| 10 Tybor Smith | 24 Brandy Dial |
| 11 Joyce Lahodny | 24 Blair Whitehead |
| 11 Tanner Parde | 25 Jerry Holtmeier |
| 12 Jill Bergmeier | 27 Chris Clifford |
| 14 Steve Hemphill | 28 Jeanette Banahan |
| 16 Matt Wiegand | |



February 3 Sunday Worship Service
With Holy Communion
 Worship Assistant, Kendra K. Weers
 Greeter, Charles Barber

February 10 Sunday Worship Service
 Worship Assistant, Jim Damrow
 Greeter, Jim Bures

February 17 Sunday Worship Service
 Worship Assistant, Cheryl Denner
 Greeter, Dean Pretzer

February 24 Sunday Worship Service
Youth Sunday
 Worship Assistant, Youth Group
 Greeter, Youth Group



March 4 Sunday Worship Service
With Holy Communion
 Worship Assistant, Diane Wellsandt
 Greeter, Jim Damrow

March 6 Ash Wednesday Service
 Greeter, Dennis Nippert



Melvin Weers Bob Wellsandt
 Doyle Wolken Tyler Wolken

Charles Barber Dale Beran
 Melvin Beran Scott Beran

Gary Bergmeier Jim Bures
 Chris Clifford Jim Damrow

Youth Group

John Denner Larry Germer
 Jarrod Heidemann Steve Hemphill



Spencer Weers
 Madeline Parde

Cole Ebeling
 Myleigh Weers

Zachary Warren
 Joely Weers

Keira Hennerberg
 David Parde

Karli Heidemann
 Brennan Schultis



**Children's
 Sermon**

Pastor Mark

Jean
 Schmidt

Beth Roelfs

Youth Group

Pastor Mark



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

Marlene Wolken
 Cheryl Denner

Norma Banahan
 Jeanette Banahan
 Virginia Lottman

Jeanette Hennerberg
 Kristen Hennerberg

Donna Damrow
 Julie Schmidt

Leatha Christ
 Sondra Germer

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<p><i>Red Hymnal</i> 3 Worship Service 9:30 AM Holy Communion SUNDAY SCHOOL 10:30 AM</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; margin-top: 5px;"> <i>Transformational Ministry Committee Meeting Following Worship</i> </div>	4 Pastor at Retreat through Feb. 11	5	6	7	8	9
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<p><i>Blue Hymnal Youth-Led</i> 24 Worship Service 9:30 AM SUNDAY SCHOOL 10:30 AM</p> <p>Youth Meeting 6:30 at Parsonage</p>	25	26 Work Day All Day	27 CONFIRMATION 6th Grade 4pm 7th-8th Grades 7:30pm	28		



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