

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.*

May 2020

Pastor Mark Liscom

The "Essential" People

"A king is not saved by his great army;
A warrior is not delivered by his great strength.
The war horse is a vain hope for victory,
And by its great might it cannot save"

"Truly the eye of the Lord is on those who fear him,
On those who hope in his steadfast love;
To deliver their soul from death,
And to keep them alive in famine"
(Psalm 33:16-19)

The Covid-19 pandemic has brought about many shifts in what seems to be important. But one of the more interesting shifts has been the revelation of who we regard as "essential". Suddenly we have a whole group of people in the spotlight who often aren't given much attention: the "essential people". Health care workers have received the most attention of course. But others like bus drivers, grocery store clerks, and people who stock shelves and work in meat plants and food can be seen as literally keeping us alive. In many cases, they risk their health as they do their essential work.

In general, when we regard who provides our way of life, we turn to the military. While that surely is important at times, I think the events of the last few months have revealed that there is another kind of army that is just as "essential" if not more so. We are not self-sufficient individuals at all, but rely on these "essential" workers without whom we cannot live.

Martin Luther said that a milk maid was more important in the eyes of God than a powerful prince and his army. And just as important. It's a great way to think about what it means to "fear the Lord". You do it, in part, by realizing that your life in this world is saved, not only by military might, but by the daily work of the "essentials". It does strike fear in the heart, to consider our world without them.



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Please note that the sign-up sheet for 2020 sponsorships is up and two sponsorships are available.

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

PLEASE NOTE

The 2020 Synod Convention that was to take place May 28-30 in Kearney has been canceled.

All elections and business will be conducted at the 2021 Synod Assembly.



St. Paul Lutheran Church Council Minutes for April 15, 2020

The meeting started by council members sharing life and faith stories with the group. Pastor Mark then led with an opening devotion. Council members present were Jamie Schultis, Pastor Mark Liscom, Darin Weers, David Henrichs, Gary Bergmeier, and Tyler Wolken (Melvin Beran not present). Minutes from the March meeting were reviewed. David moved to approved the minutes and Gary seconded. Minutes were approved.

Treasurer's Report

Gary reported that the current balance in the general account was \$5,216.08 with Norris and Portico still needed to be paid. After those bills are to be paid, it would leave a balance of \$2,426.85. David moved to accept the treasurer's report and Darin seconded. The treasurer's report was approved.

Memorial Treasurer's Report

Darin reported that the balance in the account was \$3,744.32. The Thrivent Mutual account had a decline in funds due to the down economy. The current balance is \$18,212.01 Jamie moved to accept the memorial treasurer's report and Gary seconded. Memorial Treasurer's report was approved.

Pastor's Report

4 worship services including Easter, 3 Lenten services, 1 Maunday Thursday service, 1 Good Friday service, 2 confirmation classes, 2 youth group meetings, 3 cluster meetings, 1 meeting with Megan Morrow, helped with the lighting project, and 1 Drinking from the well webinar.

Vice Chairman's Report

Jamie wanted to give a thank you to Tyler Wolken, Beth Roelfs, Sheri and Jady Schultis for their efforts in continuing to make the Crosswalk videos for the youth. A thank you to Beth again for sending out weekly mailings to those same kids on ways they can still participate and be involved. A thank you to Pastor Mark on his efforts of outreach and thinking outside of the box by using Facebook live and Zoom for the confirmation meetings. Thank you to Beth for continuing to do children's sermons on Sundays. Thank you to Gary, Darin and Tyler for helping with the Easter service. A thank you to Peggy Hemphill for playing piano for us at the drive-in services. Thank you to Brian Weers, Doug Schmidt, Christopher and Johnathan Schmidt, and Darin Weers for helping with the light installation in the sanctuary. A final thank you the entire congregation for their support in these difficult times by continuing to keep up with us on Facebook, drive-in services, and your generous contributions. We greatly appreciate you all!

Committee Reports

Christian Education- Is still continuing to make Crosswalk videos to post to the Facebook page. Vacation Bible School has been postponed to July 27-31, 2020.

Memorial- The balance in the account is \$3,744.32. The committee is looking to see if they can allocate the rest of the funds to help fund the remodel of the large Sunday school gathering area.

Property- Gary received 3 bids to help with the remodel of the Sunday large school gathering area. Diller Electric made a bid of \$970.00 to do the electrical portion. Ed Hajek made a bid of \$830.00 for the construction portion. Meints Drywall made a bid of \$736.00 to do the drywall portion. Bringing a total of \$2,536.00 for the remodel. Darin made the motion to accept the bids and continue with the construction project. Jamie seconded. Motion passed.

Communication and Outreach- N/A **Music and Worship-** N/A **Food Stand-** Will make a decision with purchase items and menu when they know for sure if there will be a Diller Picnic for 2020 or not.

Old Business

- Shingles on the parsonage are completed.
- Pastor Mark has still been negotiating a better copier plan with Solution One and looking in to Capitol Business for a cheaper rate.
- The old lights from the sanctuary are taken down and are being stored at the church. If anyone would like one or a couple for memorabilia, please let Pastor Mark or a council member know.
- Council is going to wait to have the safety audit done until the new construction project is finished.

New Business

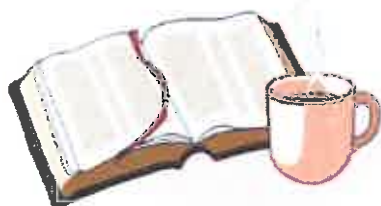
- The wifi/internet in the church has been extra slow and has dead spots throughout the church. Pastor and council agreed to have Diode come out and provide some options of how we can improve the reception.
- Pastor Mark's desktop is out of date and he would like to find a replacement. He is going to check with a couple local computer companies to see what options they have.
- Council has agreed to forgo communion until further notice.
- Pastor Mark is going to talk with Jill Bergmeier to see if there is a possibility of continuing Women's Bible Study using Zoom.
- Pastor Mark is also looking into other options for an adult bible study for anyone. Possibly using Zoom or recordings to watch.

- If someone would like a copy of the Sunday sermons, please get a hold of Pastor Mark and he will send you a copy.
- Council and Pastor Mark are going to look in to ways we can extend a welcome to new and old members to come to our drive-in services.
- Council agreed to continue having drive-in services every Sunday until further notice. All services will continue to be livestreamed on the church's Facebook page.

The next council meeting will be held on May 20 at 7:30 PM. Jamie moved to adjourn the meeting and Gary seconded. Motion passed. The meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer.

- Tyler Wolken, Council Secretary

TREASURER'S REPORT			
General Fund Balance as of 4/28/2020		\$ 16,569.87	
Bills Due by end of April	Norris (estimate) 250.00	Portico	<u>\$2,539.83</u>
		Total Due:	\$2,789.83
<u><i>Last Month: As of March 17</i></u>		<u><i>Current Month: April (as of 4/28/20)</i></u>	
Current	\$ 6,206.65	Current	Not Available
Benevolence	464.25	Benevolence	0.00
World Hunger	40.00	World Hunger	0.00
Specials	<u>107.83</u>	Special Designations (paid)	<u>\$ 11,353.79</u>
TOTAL	\$ 6,818.73	TOTAL	\$ 5,216.08
We need \$10,170.97 in CURRENT per month to meet the 2020 budget.			



WOMEN'S
BIBLE STUDY

Eunice Circle

Eunice Circle was scheduled to meet on April 13, 2020, but Eunice Circle has been postponed until further notice, when all restrictions have been lifted and in-person meetings and worship are safe to resume. Please contact the church and/or visit the website or Facebook page for updates.

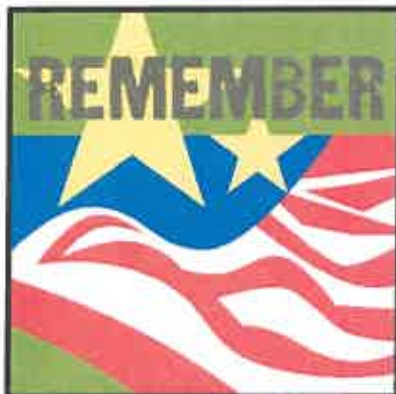
- Irene Gibson, Recorder

Mission Work Day

Work Days were to take place in March and April, but like all in-person worship, meetings or gatherings, they have been postponed until further notice.

Please watch for updates by signage at the church, contact the church or parsonage, or watch for updates electronically on the church website or Facebook page.

We can't wait to see you again and continue God's work!!



A PRAYER FOR MEMORIAL DAY

We remember, O Lord, all those people throughout the years who have made the supreme sacrifice for our country, for liberty, for us. Whenever we breathe the air of freedom or claim the right to justice or enjoy the privilege of worship, fill us with gratitude for those who selflessly gave the last full measure of devotion – their very lives – for our benefit.

May these brave men and women now know the joy of eternity and your presence. And may the families of the fallen receive comfort and peace amid their grief. Help us as we minister to their needs. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

- The Newsletter Newsletter, May 2020



ATTENTION GRADUATES!!!!

Are *You*, your *Child*, or *Grandchild* graduating this year?
We want them on our Graduation Board!

In the reality of this year's extraordinary circumstances, the Diller-Odell Graduation will be held later this summer, and most college/university graduations have been canceled altogether. WE STILL WANT TO HONOR YOUR GRADUATE. A graduation board will still be displayed at church, and the graduation page will go in the Newscaster in the August edition.

Pictures and information for the board are being accepted until **July 20** (*if you want your picture and info in the August Newscaster*), and the information needed is the name (*First, Middle, Last*) of the graduate, parents' or grandparents' (**ONLY**) names, name of school, school colors, degree earned and future plans. Please submit wallet-sized pictures or email to kweers10@gmail.com. Thanks!!

Our Property Committee recently completed a project
a couple years in the making.

Doug Schmidt, Brian Weers, Jonathan Schmidt,
Christopher Schmidt and Darin Weers spent a couple days
moving pews and removing the old sanctuary lights so
Steve Behrends could install the new lights.

They were installed in time for the Easter service, but
their debut will have to wait until we can
resume worship in the sanctuary.

Thank you to the ones listed above and everyone that
helped to complete this project!



Congratulations to Hannah Ebeling and her partner, Corwin Barnes, on the birth of their daughter, Lucille Roze at the Beatrice Community Hospital and Health Center on April 28.

Grandparents are Shawn and Alicia Ebeling and Lucille's Uncle is Cole Ebeling.
God's blessings to your family!

We remember and pray for all who are struggling during this frightening time of suffering and loss of life and we mourn those who are lost to this pandemic and the loss of our way of life, whether it is temporary or permanent. 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:

Betty and Franklin Damrow, Margery Keefover, Cindy Bartlett, Skylar Folkers and Eden Lottman.

*Lord,
Hear Our
Prayer*

Holy Week at St Paul Lutheran

Holy Week services held Palm Sunday, April 5 through Easter, April 12



Palm Sunday, April 5 On Palm Sunday, St. Paul Lutheran tried a new way to have worship: a Drive-In service. Masked and gloved ushers handed out sheets with scripture and Hymns on them, as well as Palm leaves for after the worship service. Pastor Mark led the service and Peg Hemphill played the keyboard while we sang from our cars and greeted each other with honks of our horns. Beth Roelfs gave a lively children's sermon that was enjoyed by all. It is an adaptation that seems to be working for now. It was really nice to worship together again - at a safe distance. It is also nice that those that couldn't attend could still be a part of worship via Facebook.



After worship, we all participated in a Palm parade throughout town and down Main street, waving our Palms and celebrating the arrival of Jesus.



Aerial Photo courtesy of Corinna Lothman



Maundy-Thursday, April 9 Maundy-Thursday services were different in every way this year. No Seder Meal, no in-person worship. This year, the pastors of the Homestead Cluster put together a wonderful service telling the story of The Last Supper and the betrayal of Jesus. Beautiful songs were sung by a group from St. John Lutheran in Beatrice, and every pastor had a part in both the Maundy-Thursday and Good Friday services. Both were on Facebook Live and now available anytime on the church Facebook page. If you were unable to watch it live, please watch it with your family and hear the story of Jesus and how he truly is the savior of all people.

Maundy Thursday

These pictures, except the far right, are screen shots from the Facebook service available anytime on the church's Facebook page.



This banner (right) was displayed in our church on Maundy-Thursday





Good Friday, April 10 These pictures are all screen shots from the Facebook worship service from the Homestead Cluster. Go to our church Facebook page and watch with your family or on your own the amazing message of our Savior's sacrifice for us.



Easter, April 12 For Easter, it was the first Easter without a sunrise service and Youth breakfast in a very long time. Despite the damp weather, the incredible message of our risen Christ was celebrated in another drive-in worship service. Beth Roelfs delivered a fun children's sermon about the message of Easter and Pastor Mark gave a very thoughtful sermon. All sermons are available in print upon request or the video from our Facebook page is available at any time. Peggy Hemphill provided the music for all to sing along with the Hymns, and we "passed the peace" with honking of horns. We plan to continue drive-in worship services until it is determined to be safe to gather indoors for worship again. All services will be available on Facebook Live on our Facebook page and then posted to be viewed at anytime on the same page. We hope you all can join us in whatever way you can for upcoming worship!



Thank you to those who provided the pictures for Easter worship: Tyler Wolken, Church Council members and Kendra K Weers.



CONFIRMATION TO BE HELD AUGUST 2

Due to COVID-19, Confirmation will be held at the church on Sunday, August 2, 2020.

Congratulations to the confirmands and their families, we are so happy for you and this achievement!



SAVE THE DATE!!

St. Paul Vacation Bible School has been moved to July 27-31 due to the epidemic.

The sessions will run from 9-11:30 each morning, and instead of a program during the Sunday Worship service, we plan on doing an evening celebration on the last day, possibly with a cookout dinner with the families.

Volunteers are needed- if you are interested in helping out and/or donating items for snacks, please contact Pastor Mark, Beth Roelfs, Kristen Hennerberg or Kristen Heidemann.

Sign-up sheets for volunteers and donations will be placed in the Narthex over the summer once we resume in-person worship. Hope to see you there!!

NEW DILLER PICNIC DATES!!

The Diller Picnic Committee has changed the dates for this year's 123rd Annual Diller Picnic to **AUGUST 6-8, 2020.**

Sign-up sheets for the church's food stand will be in the Narthex this summer once we can return to in-person worship. Please watch for updates!!



May Wedding Anniversaries

May 1, 1981

☞ Mr. & Mrs. Gail & Brenda Engelman

May 15, 1960

☞ Mr. & Mrs. Kenneth & Judy Landenberger

May 20, 1978

☞ Mr. & Mrs. Keith & Cindy Bartlett

May 24, 1980

☞ Mr. & Mrs. Douglas & Glenda Spilker

May 24, 1991

☞ Mr. & Mrs. Jim & Cathy Lyons

May 25, 1974

☞ Mr. & Mrs. Steve & Peggy Hemphill

May 31, 1969

☞ Mr. & Mrs. Howard & Linda Behrends



May Birthdays

2	Jan Liscom	21	Christian McCown
4	John Garcia	23	Jane Pretzer
6	Eldean Banahan	24	Elizabeth Roelfs
14	Addison Heidemann	24	Radene Beran
15	Devin Garcia	24	Hayden Nutsch
15	Calvin Hennerberg	25	Norris Gold
15	Camille Hennerberg	25	Jean Schmidt
15	David Parde	27	Melvin Beran
16	Lilly Smith	29	Douglas Spilker
17	Caleb Schultis	29	Crystal Snyder
19	Dennis Nippert	29	Alexander Roelfs
19	Sheila Goldsberry	30	Chase Whitehead
20	Joseph Henrichs	30	Spencer Schmidt



May 3 Sunday Worship Service
With Holy Communion **
 Worship Assistant, **Jamie Schultis**
 Greeter, *Jim Damrowt*

May 10 Sunday Worship Service
Happy Mother's Day
 Worship Assistant, **David Henrichs ****
 Greeter, *Gary Bergmeier*

May 17 Sunday Worship Service
 Worship Assistant, **Sherry Henrichs ****
 Greeter, *Dennis Nippert*

May 24 Sunday Worship Service
 Worship Assistant, **Jamie Schultis ****
 Greeter, *Jim Bures*

May 31 Sunday Worship Service
 Worship Assistant, **Brian Weers ****
 Greeter, *Dean Pretzer*



June 7 Sunday Worship Service
With Holy Communion
 Worship Assistant, **Brian Weers**
 Greeter, *Charles Barber*



Dennis Hennerberg
 Jamie Hennerberg
 David Henrichs Joe Henrichs

Brett Landenberger Chad Lottman
 Doug Lottman Don Meyer

Dennis Nippert Tanner Parde
 Dean Pretzer Scott Pretzer

Adam Roelfs Allen Roelfs
 Dean Roelfs Chris Schlichtman

Kevin Sasse Karter Sasse
 Riley Sasse Tim Scheele

Jonathan Schmidt
 Christopher Schmidt
 Doug Schmidt B. J. Stein



Madeline Parde

Joely Weers

Peyton Denner

Brennan Schultis

Myleigh Weers

Joely Weers



Barb Sasse
 Kendra K Weers

Jane Pretzer
 Cleo Perkins

Anne Parde
 Carolyn Schultis

Beth Lee Beran
 Linda Beran

Jill Bergmeier
 Ardith Barber



Children's
 Sermon

Pastor Mark

Cheryl
 Denner

David/Sherry
 Henrichs

Beth Roelfs

Sheri
 Schultis

Pastor Mark

Sherry Henrichs
 Michelle Engelman

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PLEASE NOTE: Everything marked with **two red asterisks (**)** means this is **PLANNED**, but the situation may change. **PLEASE** check the church website (above), Facebook Page, call, text or email Pastor Mark or a member of the Council for more information. In-Person worship is **PLANNED** to begin this month, please watch for details. Thank you for your cooperation and patience during these uncertain times. God is with us!

<p><i>Drive-In</i> 3 Worship Service Holy Communion ** 9:30 AM</p>	4	5	<p>6 CROSS WALK Christian Ed On Facebook Live WELCA Unit Meeting ** 7pm</p>	<p>7 NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER</p>	8	2
<p><i>Drive-In</i> 10 Worship Service 9:30 AM Happy Mother's Day Youth Meeting 6:30 Via Zoom **</p>	<p>11 Eunice Circle 1:30pm</p>	<p>12 </p>	13	14	15	<p>16 ARMED FORCES DAY DILLER-ODELL GRADUATION PARADE</p>
<p><i>Red Hymnal</i> 17 Worship Service ** 9:30 AM</p>	18	19	<p>20 Council Meeting 7:30pm Newscaster items due</p>	21 Ascension	22	23
<p><i>Blue Hymnal</i> 24 Worship Service ** 9:30 AM Youth Meeting 6:30 at Parsonage **</p>	<p>25 Memorial Day </p>	<p>26 Wak Day All Day</p>	27	28	29	<p> Synod Convention Canceled until 2021</p>

Red Hymnal **31**
Worship Service **
9:30 AM

Pentecost



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