

St. Paul Newscaster



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Home vs. Hotels

What's the most important difference between your home and a hotel? I think the answer would be that if you have a home, you can make it the way that you want it to be. You can decide what kind of furniture you want for example. The paint on the walls, the kind of appliances you prefer. And most importantly, if there are changes that you want to make, you can make them.

A hotel on the other hand is the just the opposite. Your welcome to be there, but now you can't change anything. If you decide you don't like the curtains or the picture on the wall and change them, you'll be in big trouble. Really, all you can do is sleep there, maybe watch TV, and have some fellowship. But you can't change anything.

When we welcome God into our lives, are we giving God a home, or a hotel? Sometimes I think we put God up in a hotel. He might be there for when we need him, or maybe once a week on Sunday morning. But it's very much like the welcome given by your hotel staff. It's warm and friendly....but don't change anything.

But that's not the deal when it comes to God. When we ask God into our lives, we are asking God to make his HOME with us. We're asking God to do the decorating, and God to make the changes in our lives, families, or church that He thinks need to happen. Being open to that is what we call salvation.

In Ezekiel 37:27 God says this to Ezekiel. *"My dwelling place will be with them; I will be their God and they will be my people"*. Let's welcome God into our lives, our homes, and our church, let's not put God in a hotel. The promise is that God knows what He is doing, and will make our live, homes, and church into what they were meant to be.

Pastor Mark

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to the Glory of God
and
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in Honor of 19 Years of Marriage**



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2018 Nebraska Synod Assembly

Prayerful, reflective and informative perfectly describe the 2018 Assembly. ‘Building on the Foundation’ was the theme. Diane Wellsandt Beth Roelfs, and Pastor Mark served as the voting representatives for St. Paul.

Many sessions were described as Holy Bureaucracy. All were encouraged to use care, accuracy and grace when sharing information. Silent prayer and prayer for guidance preceded every vote. The primary item of business was the election of a Bishop. Bishop Brian Mass was reelected to the post. The assembly also voted to approve the budget and considered several resolutions.

We stepped outside the walls of our congregation and saw that our journey and challenges are the same as many other church families and the synod. It was an honor to represent our church and everyone should prayerfully consider accepting the invitation to attend an assembly and be open to the Bigger Picture of our church.

~ Submitted by Beth Roelfs



Pastor Mark extends a big Thank You to Beth Roelfs and Diane Wellsandt for attending the Synod Assembly with him. He reports that the major theme of the Assembly was about the Tri-Faith Initiative and how the Christian church involved in this spent a year and a half discerning God’s will, and worship that involves spiritual practice.

The Bishop’s report centered around the fact that we live in a world where the number one commodity is fear and our number one idol is security. The way forward is through prayer and discerning God’s will for our congregations.

Also, welcome to the new Bishop...who is the old Bishop. It was a good conference.

~ Submitted by Pastor Mark Liscom

St. Paul Lutheran Church Council Minutes for June 20, 2018

Pastor Mark opened the meeting with devotions from Matthew 6 and a prayer. Members present were Melvin Beran, David Henrichs, Cindy Lottman, Allen Roelfs, Jean Schmidt, and Jamie Schultis. Minutes from the May meeting were reviewed. Cindy moved to accept the minutes, and Jamie seconded. Motion passed.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Allen reported that the current balance is \$19.65. All bills have been paid except for part of Pastor Mark's salary. The months of May and early June have not reported much weekly offering/income. The congregation needs to be informed of the financial situation. Jean moved to accept, and Jamie seconded. Motion passed.

MEMORIAL TREASURER'S REPORT

Jamie reported that the current balance is \$13,304.04, including the month's interest. There was no meeting or activity for the month. Allen moved to accept, and Melvin seconded. Motion passed.

PASTOR'S REPORT

4 worship services, 1 Vacation Bible School, 1 youth group meeting, 1 youth group canoe trip, 1 meeting with the assistant to the Bishop, 4 hospital calls, 5 home communions, 2 other home calls, 1 funeral/family meeting, 1 premarital meeting, 1 Synod Convention. 342 mileage.

- Pastor Mark requested that expenses for Synod Convention be reimbursed to individuals that attended.

COMMITTEE REPORT

- Diller Picnic Food Stand--making a few changes to food stand this year: bottled pop in coolers with ice, freezer moving out front, and fridge placed in cooking area.

OLD BUSINESS

- Jamie contacted new nominee for auditor. Individual agreed to accept. Jamie moved to nominate Marcy Barber for the auditor position for the next three years. Allen seconded. Motion passed.
- Pastor Mark has contacted individuals interested in joining St. Paul's congregation. July 15 has been set as new member welcome and reception during church service with a luncheon to follow.
- David talked to Bishop Brian. The process of discernment for our congregation will begin with a Listening process. This will begin in July or August.

NEW BUSINESS

- Roach and mice traces have been found in kitchen. Council discussed having the area sprayed and decided to hire an exterminator. Individual will spray every three months, and council will decide how long to continue spraying.
- Allen contacted Portico about health insurance coverage for Pastor Mark and his family. Changing coverage would save on the premium paid. Council will continue to discuss options.

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

Jean Schmidt, Council Secretary

TREASURER'S REPORT

General Fund Balance as of 6/30/2018

Bills Due by end of June	June Salary	\$ 1,966.87
	June Mileage	340.08
	Total Due:	\$ 2,306.95



Last Month: May

Current	\$ 5,987.37
Benevolence	361.85
World Hunger	25.00
Specials	25.00
TOTAL	\$ 6,409.22

Current Month: June

Current	\$ 9,326.60
Benevolence	674.90
World Hunger	0.00
Specials	0.00
TOTAL	\$ 10,001.50

We need **\$12,307.87** in **CURRENT** per month to meet the 2018 budget.

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TREASURER'S REPORT

Allen reported that the current balance is \$454.32. Portico due at this time has been paid; the Norris Public Power and SolutionOne bills and part of Pastor Mark's salary need to be paid. All other bills have been paid. The funds from Diller Community Foundation for Vacation Bible School and the proceeds from the Diller Picnic Food Stand should be received soon. Jamie moved to accept, and Jean seconded. Motion passed.

MEMORIAL TREASURER'S REPORT

Jamie reported that the current balance is \$13,306.15, including the month's interest. There was no meeting or activity for the month. A quarterly report for the endowment fund showed an increase in the balance of the account. Cindy moved to accept, and Allen seconded. Motion passed.

PASTOR'S REPORT

4 worship services, 1 funeral, 1 New Members Sunday, attended 1 funeral, 8 home communions, 1 other home visit, 3 hospital calls (2 in Lincoln and 1 in Omaha), no youth meetings, no confirmation. No mileage.

- Sunday School and Confirmation classes will begin in August around the time school starts.
- Planning an outdoor service with Sunday School Kickoff in September.

COMMITTEE REPORT

- Diller Picnic Food Stand--not much for pop, water, and food supplies left. Hamburgers, hotdogs, and polish dogs were used during New Members potluck. The remaining food could be used during Sunday School Kickoff/Outdoor Service meal.
- Property--pine tree to southwest of church has died and should be removed; parsonage yard has limbs to trim up and remove broken branches; trees east of church could be trimmed.
- Transformational--meeting planned.

OLD BUSINESS

- Exterminator has been called. Not sure if spraying has been done yet; no bill has been received.
- The letters to the congregation about the listening process have been mailed. The process will begin mid-August.
- New Members Service, reception, and luncheon was well received. People enjoyed the social aspect.

NEW BUSINESS

- The Women of the ELCA are putting together school backpacks. The group would like to get approval to request a freewill offering plate during coffee time for money to purchase supplies to fill the backpacks. Council gave approval.
- Stanton Propane sent a letter about program for price protection on propane. Council discussed whether to enter into a contract. Allen moved to contract 3,000 gallons with Stanton Propane at .20 down and the remainder due when delivered. Jamie seconded. Motion passed.
- Council held discussion on the usage and contract on the copier. Main usage results from weekly bulletin and newscaster. The monthly cost is expensive and council discussed alternative options. The church has a website found at www.stpauldiller.com.

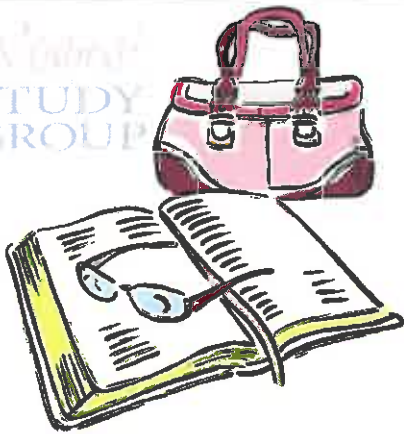
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Jean Schmidt, Council Secretary

TREASURER'S REPORT			
General Fund Balance as of 7/25/2018		\$ 1,086.47	
Bills Due by end of July:		July Salary	2,966.87
		Total Due:	\$ 2,966.87
<i>Last Month: June</i>		<i>Current Month: July</i>	
Current	\$ 9,326.60	Current	\$ 9,476.70
Benevolence	674.90	Benevolence	377.30
World Hunger	0.00	World Hunger	25.00
Specials (VBS)	0.00	Specials	40.00
TOTAL	\$ 10,001.50	TOTAL	\$ 9,919.00
We need \$12,307.87 in CURRENT per month to meet the 2018 budget.			



WELCA
STUDY
GROUP



June Eunice Circle

Eunice Circle met on June 11, 2018 at 1:30pm. Norma Banahan led the Bible Study, "Let Us Pray- The Paradoxes of Prayer." In prayer, we all upon a God who may respond in unexpected ways. Called to pray, but for what purpose? Is prayer for our benefit or God's?

Focus verses from 1 Samuel 12:20-23. Bible texts from: 1 Samuel 12:12-23 and 1 Samuel 8:4-20.

We opened with prayer and Hymn, "O God in Heaven." We closed with prayer and Hymn, "Lord, Listen To Your Children Praying," and The Lord's Prayer.

Norma called our meeting to order. Minutes were read and approved. Five (5) members answered roll call and one (1) guest. Our Offering was \$14.00.

Old Business: August WELCA meeting - Eunice Circle will give program. We will discuss in near future. We will need to work on projects. Work Days - May 22nd and 29th.

New Business: Discussed what we will have for program, August 2018. We will work on projects. Work Day is on June 26th.

After Grace, Marla Weichel served refreshments.

Next Eunice Circle meeting will be July 9, 2018 at 1:30pm, July book. Irene Gibson will be study leader.

- Irene Gibson, Recorder

Mission Work Day

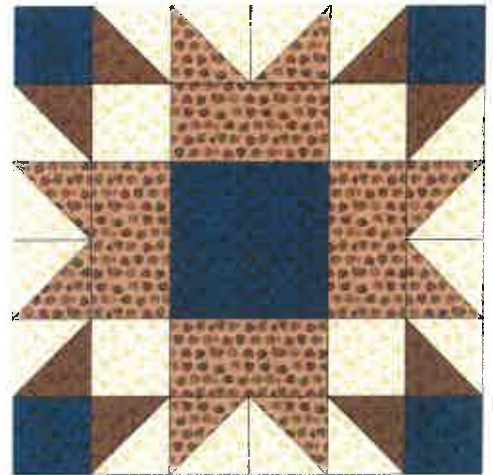
Nine quilts were put together June 26 and taken home for hemming. With three ladies working on July 24, six quilts were tied and clipped, ready to be hemmed. Fabrics and sheets were sorted and taken home to be sized, dyed and prepared for use.

We had a good day and enjoyed coffee and fellowship before going home.

A special, thank you, to all who make donations and keep us in supplies, those who purchase sheets, blankets, fabrics, etc at garage sales and sales. We have had excellent donations.

Thanks to our willing workers and to all who help in any way. We will meet July 31 and August 28.

Thanks be to God!



St. Paul WELCA August Unit Meeting

Wednesday, August 15, 2017

7:00 p.m.

We will be reviewing our summer activities
and

Discuss our upcoming fall events

All Women of the church are encouraged to attend

New Member Welcome July 15, 2018



Above: Before the potluck, David Henrichs, Jamie and Brennan Schultis cook the meat in the courtyard



Our new members are (left to right): B. J. Stein, and the Pretzer Family: Reed, Holli, Scott and Skylar. Welcome to our church family!!



Above: Pastor Mark introduces our new members and gives thanks before the meal

Below, the congregation enjoyed a delicious meal brought by church members

Below: church members enjoy some fellowship time after the meal.



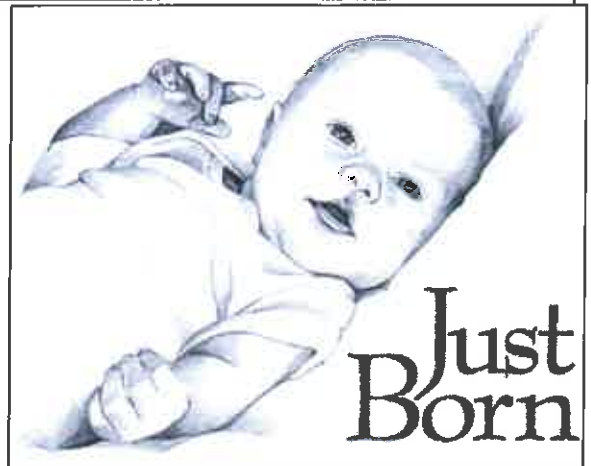
We welcome to our church B.J. Stein, spouse of Shannon (Roelfs) Stein, and the Pretzer family, Scott, Holli, Reed and Skylar. Scott is a returning member. We enjoyed a lovely potluck to celebrate their new membership. Welcome to the St. Paul Lutheran Family!!



Alexander Eugene Roelfs arrived a little early on May 29, 2018, but is healthy and doing well. The happy family welcoming him home are his parents, Josh and Kalli Roelfs, grandparents Jody and the late Neal Roelfs and uncle Isaac Roelfs. Congratulations on the blessed addition to your family!

Congratulations also to Karter and Tara Sasse on the birth of their son, Kashtyn Dale, who was born on Monday, July 16 weighing 7lbs 11oz and 20 inches long. He is also welcomed home by his sister, Tynleigh. We give thanks to God for this gift of new life. Proud grandparents are Kevin and Barb Sasse. He is also welcomed home by his uncles and their families.

May God's blessings be with these families!



Holy Baptism

Braden Charles Whitehead, Son of Chase and Sarah Whitehead, was welcomed into God's family through baptism on Saturday, July 28, 2018 at St. Paul Lutheran.

Braden's sponsors were Brian and Emily (Whitehead) Young. His grandparents are Charles and Janet Whitehead.

We thank God for Braden and the promise of what he can become by God's Spirit.

PRAYER REQUEST

We extend our Deepest Sympathy to several church families;

The Family of Darrell Lee Sasse of Plymouth, who passed away on June 11, 2018 at the age of 72. His services were held at his life-long church, here at St. Paul Lutheran, on June 14, 2018.

To Susan Lawton and Cathy Lyons and their families in the passing of their brother, David Lyons. David passed away on Saturday, July 14.

The family of Marilyn Pretzer Gaster, 68, of Indianola. She passed away July 12th following a courageous battle with cancer. Services for Marilyn were on July 17th in McCook. Marilyn was the beloved sister of Dean Pretzer.

*Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you.
May God's healing Grace comfort you during this difficult time.*



There are several St. Paul members who have been in the hospital recently and are recovering or continuing treatment.

Please pray for:

Isaac Roelfs, who is recovering from a serious accident and currently is in physical therapy

*Liby Smith, infant daughter of Jesse and Shelly Smith, who was hospitalized at Children's Hospital in Omaha
Beth Roelfs, who was hospitalized at Bryan LGH in Lincoln*

*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, Richard Schnuelle, Betty and Franklin Damrow,
Ardyce Wiemers, Dylan Nippert, Eden Lottman and Skylar Folkers*





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.

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)



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 10, 1969

☛ Mr. & Mrs. Dean & Jane Pretzer

August 15, 1998

☛ Mr. & Mrs. Chris & Angie Clifford

August 24, 1958

☛ Mr. & Mrs. Guilford & Ardyce Wiemers

August 27, 1983

☛ Mr. & Mrs. Mike & Rhonda Balderson

August 29, 2014

☛ Mr. & Mrs. Tom & Danielle Reeson

August 8, 1954

☛ Mr. & Mrs. Pastor Dr. Delmar & Phyllis Wiemers

August 11, 1957

☛ Mr. & Mrs. Eldean & Norma Banahan

August 21, 1999

☛ Mr. & Mrs. Darin & Kendra Weers

August 27, 1976

☛ Mr. & Mrs. Joel & Linda Holtmeier

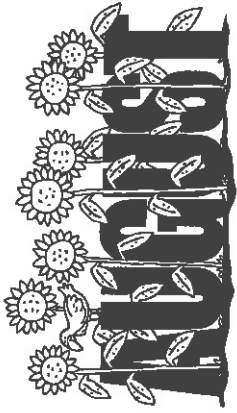
August 28, 2010

☛ Mr. & Mrs. Josh & Kalli Roelfs

August 31, 2013

☛ Mr. & Mrs. Riley & Sonia Sasse



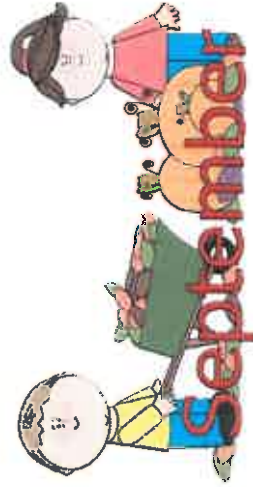


August 5 Sunday Worship Service
With Holy Communion
 Worship Assistant, Kendra K Weers
 Greeter, Jim Bures

August 12 Sunday Worship Service
 Worship Assistant, Jim Damrow
 Greeter, Charles Barber

August 19 Sunday Worship Service
 Worship Assistant, David Henrichs
 Greeter, Dean Pretzer

August 26 Sunday Worship Service
 Worship Assistant, Youth Group
 Greeter, Youth



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



David Henrichs Brian Hennerberg
 Calvin Hennerberg
 Reese Hennerberg

Brett Landenberger
 Tyson Landenberger
 Chad Lottman

Doug Lottman Don Meyer
 Dennis Nippert Dean Pretzer

Youth Group

Allen Roelfs Adam Roelfs
 Dean Roelfs B. J. Stein



Cole Ebeling

David Parde

Skylar Folkers

Karli Heidemann

Zachary Warren



Children's
 Sermon

Pastor Mark

David/Sherry
 Henrichs

Beth
 Roelfs

Youth

Pastor Mark



Diane Wellsandt
 Cheryl Denner

Jeanette
 Hennerberg
 Kristen Hennerberg

Donna Damrow
 Julie Schmidt


Kendra K Weers
 Kristen Heidemann

Leatha Christ
 Sondra Germer

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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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<p>*** CHECK THE WEEKLY BULLETIN *** for Calendar updates. Some events were not available at press time.</p>						
<p><i>Red Hymnal</i> 5 Worship Service 9:30 AM Holy Communion</p>	<p><i>Eunice Circle</i> 6 1:30pm</p>	<p>7</p>	<p>8</p>	<p>9</p>	<p>10</p>	<p>11</p>
<p><i>Blue Hymnal</i> 12 Worship Service 9:30 AM</p>	<p>13</p>	<p>14</p>	<p> 15 Women of the ELCA Unit Meeting 7pm Council Meeting 6:00pm</p>	<p>16</p>	<p>17</p>	<p>18</p>
<p><i>Red Hymnal</i> 19 Worship Service 9:30 AM SUNDAY SCHOOL BEGINS 10:30 AM</p>	<p>20</p>	<p>21</p>	<p>22 Confirmation Begins 7:00pm <i>Newscaster items due</i></p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24</p>	<p><i>Odell Days</i></p>
<p><i>Blue Hymnal</i> 26 <i>Youth-Led</i> Worship Service 9:30 AM SUNDAY SCHOOL 10:30 AM Youth Meeting 6:30 at Parsonage</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28 Work Day All Day</p>	<p>29 Confirmation 7:00pm</p>	<p>30</p>	<p>31</p>	



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