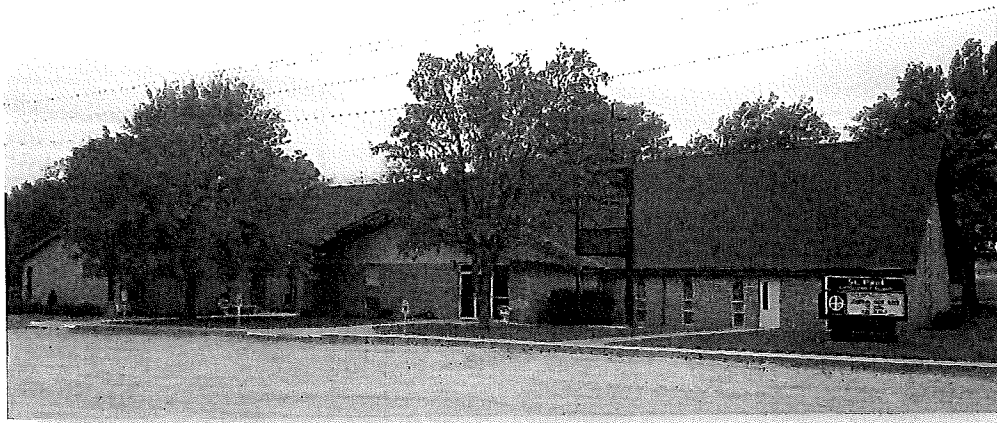


# St. Paul Newscaster



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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.*

**April 2021**

*Pastor Mark Liscom*

## **Nobody's perfect...but we're working on it**

One of the things that we say pretty easily as Christians is that “nobody is perfect”. And that can be a good thing to be able to say and remember. It's a form of humility and opens us up to being together in a way that is more gracious and forgiving. It points to the freedom that we have as people to be free and holy (by that I mean at ease). It lightens the load.

However, I think it may be important in our time and place in history to add a few words to that phrase. It may be better to say these days, “nobody is perfect.....but we're working on it. The reason is that “nobody is perfect” could be a way to avoid change. It's a way to settle in without having to really look very closely at how we might improve and get better. “Nobody is perfect” could simply mean “business as usual”.

But when we add “but we're working on it” something seems to change. I think what happens is that we begin to become more hopeful, and even more connected. Now I have to be clear about what my imperfections are. I have to own what it is that is my problem. And it's really good for the church as well.....because it helps us get a clearer vision about what we can help each other with.

This Easter season we once again celebrate the God who loves us as we are with all our imperfections. That's the Good News. But let's not use the Good News as an excuse to get on with business as usual. Knowing how much we are cared for we can begin to take responsibility and work on the areas of our lives that need improvement. Dying to the old and rising to the new. That, after all, is the Easter story that Jesus called the Way, and the Truth, and the Life.

Happy Easter!

*Pastor Mark*

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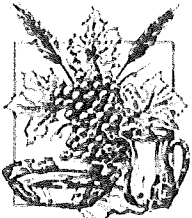
*Irene Gibson in Loving Memory of the  
April 29<sup>th</sup> Birthday of Eleanora Bunting*

*We thank you for your sponsorship and support.*

*Please note that the sign-up sheet for 2021 sponsorships is up and many sponsorships are available.*

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

## Holy Week Schedule



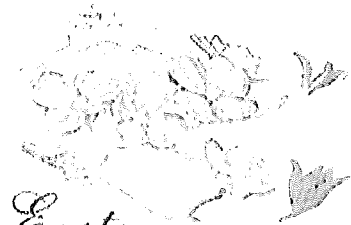
*Maundy Thursday*

Thursday, April 1  
Worship Service  
7:30pm



**Good  
Friday**

Friday, April 2  
Good Friday Service  
7:30pm

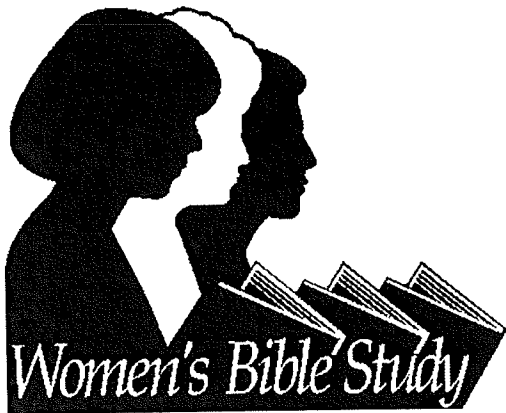


*Easter*

Sunday, April 4  
Easter Worship Service  
9:30 am

## St. Paul Lutheran Church Council Minutes for March 16, 2021

No minutes provided from annual meeting or for March 2021. They will be published when they are provided at a later date.



### *Eunice Circle*

Eunice Circle did not meet on February 8, 2021 due to weather. Eunice Circle met on March 8, 2021 at 1:30pm. We had a few moments of silence and prayer for Linda and Norma who were not with us today. The Bible Study was led by Irene Gibson. Journeys with angels – Turnaround angels. What can we notice and learn from God's messengers?

Our study texts from: Genesis 3:24; Genesis 10:10-17 and Genesis 10:20-22; Genesis 32:6-8 and 22-31; Exodus 31:1-4; Numbers 22:21-34; Luke 15:8-10; Matthew 1:18-21 and 24-25; Matthew 2:13-15 and 19-21.

We opened with prayer and Hymn, "Change My Heart O God." We closed with our focus verse "Just so, I tell you, there is joy in the presence of the Angels of God over one sinner who repents." (Luke 15:10) and Hymn "Now The Day Is Over" and The Lord's Prayer.

Irene called our meeting to order. Minutes were read and approved. Three (3) members answered Roll Call. Our offering was \$6.00.

**Old Business:** Work Day was January 26<sup>th</sup>.

**New Business:** Discussed having March Lesson on April 12<sup>th</sup> and on April 26<sup>th</sup> our April Lesson. Work Day will be March 23<sup>rd</sup>.

After Grace, Marla Weichel served refreshments.

Next Eunice Circle Meeting will be April 12, 2021 at 1:30pm, March Book. Norma Banahan will lead Bible study.

- Irene Gibson, Recorder

## *St. Paul Lutheran Church*

### Women of the ELCA

The next Unit Meeting of the Women of the ELCA will be held on Wednesday, May 5, 2021, at 7:00 p.m. Jeanette Bures will be the hostess. All women of the congregation are invited to attend.

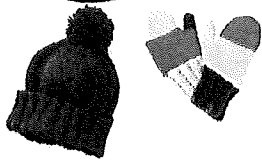
Spring Gathering has been postponed until June. See information below.

Due to Covid, we will not be holding our annual Spring Salad Supper again this year. We will sure miss those delicious salads and the evening of fun and fellowship.

Volunteers are still needed for the card project. Please let Peggy know if you would be interested in sending cards to members and extended church family unable to attend worship.

PLEASE NOTE: The Southeast Spring Gathering has been set for June 27<sup>th</sup> at DeWitt and it will be In-Person.

## Community Coat Closet Receives Donation



Thirty-two coats, jackets, coveralls and zipped hoodies along with warm hats and several pairs of gloves/mittens were delivered to the Community Coat Closet housed at the Church of Christ in Beatrice. These items were collected at St. Paul and donated for use by children and adults from anywhere around Beatrice. Many teachers and counselors from the region are notified of the Closet so that they can assist anyone needing coats to connect with this mission of love. The garments are given at no cost and distributed throughout the year. If you know of someone who could benefit from this discipleship PLEASE help them contact the Church of Christ at 228-3827.

~Submitted by Beth Roelfs

## The Need for Food is Constant

An ongoing outreach of St. Paul is to gather food and personal care items for the local food pantries. The need for these items doesn't end with the arrival of warm weather. Consider making a commitment to sharing God's message of love through food. There is a BIG GREY tub located near the door leading into the sanctuary. Place your donation there and they will be delivered to pantries in Wymore, Fairbury and Beatrice. If you are willing to help make these drop-offs contact Beth Roelfs. The goal is to make deliveries every 2 months.



**FEED THE HUNGRY**

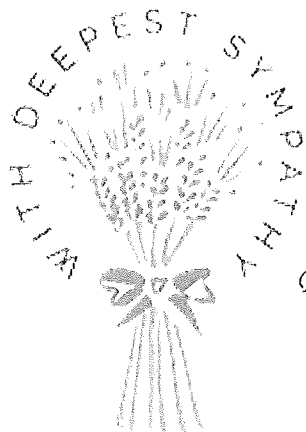
~ Submitted by Beth Roelfs

*We lost two members of our congregation in March.*

*Jeanette Banahan, lifetime member of St. Paul Lutheran, passed away on March 6 at Bryan Health – East with funeral services at St. Paul Lutheran and was officiated by Pr. Mark Liscom on March 10. For all of her years, she was an active member of St. Paul Lutheran, and was interred at Fairbury City Cemetery.*

*Judy Garton passed away after a long battle with heart issues on March 27, 2021 at Bryan Health – East in Lincoln. Cremation has taken place and her memorial service will take place at St. Paul Lutheran in Diller on April 3 to be officiated by Pr. Mark Liscom. She was very active with our church and her absence will be greatly felt.*

*Our Deepest Sympathy goes to these families at this time of loss.  
May you always feel God's presence and love as you mourn.*



*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:*

*Glenda Spilker had an aneurysm and stroke, but it was caught quickly and is recovering very well at home.*

*Linda Behrends for a continued recovery at home following her accident.*

*Rev. Dr. Delmar Wiemers is home and continues to recover.*

*Please remember our Homebound and Shut-ins and all who are in need of God's healing Grace:*

*Betty and Franklin Damrow, Margery Keefover,  
Cindy Bartlett, Linda Behrends, Sondra Germer and Eden Lottman*



## Crosswalk Reflects on the Easter Story



The Crosswalk kids spent the month learning about the Easter story. To introduce the theme they watched 'The Easter Story: The Witness'. Through the eyes of a young boy, the kids experienced Jesus' Holy Week journey from Palm Sunday through Easter morning. They got to make their own snack and colored Easter greetings for community friends while they watched.



Sixty-four Easter cards or pictures carried a greeting from the children to friends through-out the community.

The lesson of the Palm Sunday lesson was that Jesus came as a loving and humble king. Kids paraded paper palms and reflected on what being humble means.

During the resurrection lesson, students talked about the miracle of Jesus' death and return to life. Nine students told the story to the crowd by opening sacks with items relevant to Holy Week; coins, a cross, a rock, a sponge, a torn curtain, a crown of thorns, big nails, gauze to wrap Jesus' lifeless body and an empty bag. They made flower seed rings that they will plant in the dark ground to come alive again and grow.

During the final celebration kids enjoyed a special snack with items that represented the message of Easter: cheese-it crackers for the rock at Jesus' tomb, raisins for Jesus' blood, stick pretzels for the cross, M&Ms for God's goodness, little marshmallows for our sins washed away and goldfish crackers because we are to be fishers of men. Everyone enjoyed egg relays, an Easter scavenger hunt, hopping frogs because 'You Can't Keep Jesus Down', and the Miracle Cross. The day ended with a fun palm parade for parents and friends.

Paraders shouted, "Happy Easter! Jesus is Alive".

*~ Big Thank You to Beth Roelfs for the article, Tyler Wolken for the video posted on St. Paul's Facebook Page and Kendra K Weers for the screenshots from the video ~*





The Confirmation classes will be on Wednesday, April 7<sup>th</sup> at 7pm for Parents' Night  
 And fun night will be at Jamie and Sheri's home on Wednesday, April 14 with games and pizza.  
 Those needing rides or how to get to their home, meet at the church at 7pm.  
**CONFIRMATION will be on Sunday, May 2.** Please come and help congratulate this year's class  
 and join us in worship on this special day, properly masked and distanced.  
***If you have pictures and/or information about Confirmation students/activities, PLEASE  
 email them to Kendra K Weers.***

**ATTENTION 2021 GRADUATES!!!!**

Are *You*, your *Child*, or *Grandchild* graduating this Year? We want to honor them by having  
 them on our Graduation Board! Times like these make it very important to honor the efforts  
 and milestones by our youth and advanced degree achievers,  
 and they deserve the recognition.



Pictures and information for the board are being accepted until **May 25** (*if you want your picture and info in the  
 June-July Newscaster*), and the information needed is: Name (*First, Middle, Last*) of the graduate, parents' or  
 grandparents' names, name of school, school colors, degree earned and future plans. Please submit wallet-sized  
 pictures in the Newscaster mailbox at church or email to [kweers10@gmail.com](mailto:kweers10@gmail.com). Thanks!!

Decades ago, as English actress Gertrude Lawrence waited behind the curtain for a play to begin, the queen upstaged her  
 by arriving at the royal box to much applause. "What an entrance," Lawrence remarked, to which her friend, playwright Noel  
 Coward, replied, "What a part!"



Jesus certainly made a grand entrance into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday, entering to adoring shouts  
 of "Hosanna!" But worldly glory and fame weren't his intent. Instead, our Lord knew that his Father had  
 prepared a sacrificial role for him. Jesus handled the adulation with dignity and poise. The humble yet  
 courageous Son of God knew that danger, despair and death awaited — but that he must endure it all  
 to fulfill prophecy for humanity's sake.

The pageantry of Palm Sunday is a stark contrast to the role of Suffering Servant that Jesus faced  
 a few short days later. Yet each event during Holy Week represents victory — for Jesus as well as for  
 his beloved children.

Palm Sunday is a glorious day, so let us wave palms and shout, "Hosanna in the highest heaven!" The Savior has come.  
 What an entrance! What a part!



April 6, 2001

☞ Mr. & Mrs. Brian & Kendra K Weers

April 12, 2014

☞ Mr. & Mrs. Tyler & Crystal Snyder

April 16, 1994

☞ Mr. & Mrs. Chad & Courtney Lottman

April 18, 1998

☞ Mr. & Mrs. Jamie & Sheri Schultis

April 20, 1968

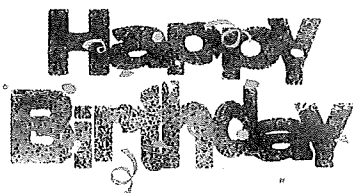
☞ Mr. & Mrs. Russell & Carolyn Schultis

April 21, 1979

☞ Mr. & Mrs. David & Sherry Henrichs

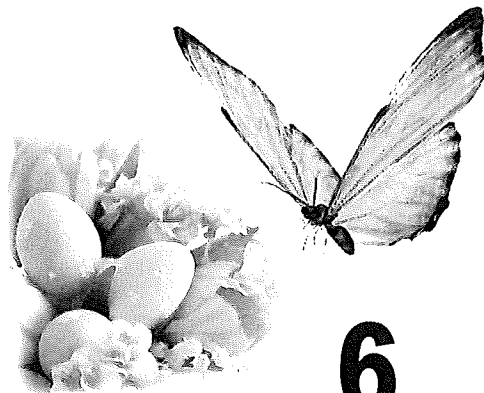
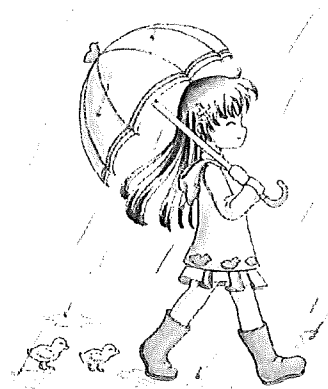
April 26, 2008

☞ Mr. & Mrs. Brad & Megan Langenberg



**April Birthdays**

- 3 Tyler Wolken
- 5 Bob Wellsandt
- 5 Larry Lawton
- 5 Scott Beran
- 7 Kalli Roelfs
- 12 Jeff Barber
- 17 Neleigh Weers
- 18 Shawna Barnts
- 24 Larry Germer
- 26 Daniel Beran
- 26 Kendall Graves
- 27 Mykal Folkers
- 27 Madeline Parde
- 29 David Henrichs






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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
				 <b>1</b> MAUNDY <i>Thursday</i> 7:30 pm	 <b>2</b> GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE 7:30 pm	<b>3</b>
Red Hymnal <b>4</b> Easter Worship Service 9:30 AM  Holy Communion	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> CROSS WALK Christian Ed 4:00pm  CONFIRMATION 7:00pm	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>
Blue Hymnal <b>11</b> Worship Service 9:30 AM  Youth Meeting 6:30 at Parsonage	<b>12</b> Eunice Circle 1:30pm	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> CROSS WALK Christian Ed 4:00pm  CONFIRMATION FUN NIGHT 7:00pm	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>
Red Hymnal <b>18</b> Worship Service 9:30 AM	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> Work Day All Day Newscaster items due	<b>21</b> CROSS WALK Christian Ed 4:00pm  Council Meeting** 7:00pm Please check website for actual date/time	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>
Blue Hymnal <b>25</b> Worship Service 9:30 AM	<b>26</b> Eunice Circle 1:30pm	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> CROSS WALK Christian Ed 4:00pm	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	Confirma- tion Sunday, May 2

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