

# St. Paul's Newscaster



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St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church  
Diller, Nebraska  
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Pastor Mark Liscom

## Summer Preaching Series

This summer, I'm going to make an effort to do what I do on Sunday a little differently. I would like to take a book of the Bible and spend a summer with it. I've chosen 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Corinthians to be the object of my study and reflections.

Most of the time, in our tradition, we use what's called the "lectionary readings". These are a series of readings that repeat over a 3 year period with some modifications. The focus of these readings is on a "lesson for the day", and the sermon is the effort to take that particular text and reveal God's Word through that particular text. Most of the time, the attention is paid to a particular Gospel.

For the summer I would like to focus, not on particular lessons, but at particular book. First and Second Corinthians aren't books of course, they are letters written to particular churches in the Apostle Paul's day addressing particular issues. The goal is to become familiar with the letter in its entirety, and how Paul addresses the problems that this particular church is facing.

It shouldn't be too surprising that the problems facing the Corinthian church are not that much different from our own. I've chosen 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Corinthians for exactly that reason. It's always a challenge, with a remarkable and challenging message.

I'm looking forward to an interesting summer of preaching and teaching.

Pastor Mark

# NEWS LET TER

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*Sponsoring the combined June-July Newscaster are:*

**The Family of Tobias (Toby) Fritzen**  
**In Honor of his 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday on June 5**  
**and**

**Melvin and BethLee Beran**  
**In honor of their 60<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary**  
**and**

**Dean and Beth Roelfs in honor of their anniversary.**

*There is one more sponsorship available for December 2016. Please consider helping to provide this important service and communication to your fellow Newscaster recipients.*

## ***Please Help!!***

We are in **urgent** need of two volunteers to go to Synod Assembly in Kearney on June 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> and represent our congregation.

Help keep our congregation “in the loop” with our Synod, plus it’s informative and FUN!!

Please let Pastor Mark know **as soon as possible** if you are interested.

**URGENT!**

# St. Paul Lutheran Church Council Minutes for May 17, 2016

Pastor Mark opened the meeting with prayer. Members present were Charles Barber, Marcy Barber, Scott Beran, Jamie Hennerberg, David Henrichs and Jean Schmidt.

Minutes from the April meeting were reviewed. David moved to accept and Marcy seconded. Motion passed.

## Treasurer's Report

Current Balance: \$ 1,560.77. All bills have been paid except for a Bible School bill and the Portico benefits for May. Dave moved to accept and Scott seconded. Motion passed.

## Memorial Treasurer's Report

Current Balance \$ 12,930.49.

## Pastors Report

4 Worship Services, 4 communions, 1 prison visit, 1 Synod Nominating Committee meeting, 1 youth group meeting, 2 text studies, 1 Cluster meeting, 1 Confirmation service project, 1 mutual ministry committee meeting, Confirmation Sunday, 1 baptism meeting, 1 Vacation Bible School meeting, 380 miles.

## Vice Chairman's Report

N/A

## Committee Reports

- Memorial – discussed memorials to be purchased; new table for the organ, Christmas tree ornaments, new alb robes, possibly a new church sign and addition(s) to the Nativity scene. Discussion was held to clarify the use of money in the endowment.
- Christian Education – finalized plans for Vacation Bible School, which will be held on May 22 through May 26 and program will be during services on May 29.
- Mutual Ministry – worked on how worship services could be more interactive and reflective in conversation, Pastor wants to hear more from attendees.
- Property – wondered what property the church owned for mowing purposes. Pastor stated that St. Paul owns the ground all the way to Highway 103, except for the area with the village sign and pump house.

## Old Business

- Plans are being made to recognize Pr. Delmar Wiemers for his 55 years of service. A potluck following church services will be on Sunday, June 12.

## New Business

- Pastor Mark has concerns about the Confirmation program when there are attendance conflicts, and would like to discuss alternative ideas. He also wants input on how to improve the program and what boundaries should be set for the program.
- Outside interest has been shown in borrowing tables, chairs, etc. from the church. Policy states that church members may borrow these items, however, others are not allowed to use these items.
- Pastor is planning to conduct a wedding outside of St. Paul in August. Council stated no conflict.
- Pastor informed the Council that the water softener at the Parsonage was not working. Marcy will check with Culligan. Also, Pastor said there were some trees at the Parsonage that may need to be removed.
- Discussion was held on how to handle the Newscaster. The staff is busy and cannot always get news articles typed, printed and mailed so the Newscaster is out by the first of the month.

The next council meeting will be Tuesday, June 14 at 8:00. Jean made a motion to adjourn and Marcy seconded, motion passed. The meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer.

- Jean Schmidt Council Secretary

### COUNCIL TREASURER'S REPORT

**General Fund Balance as of 5/17/2016** **\$ 1,560.77**

Bills Due by end of May: Portico \$ 3,711.79  
**Total Due: \$ 3,711.79**



#### February/March

<i>Last Month: April</i>		<i>Current Month: May</i>	
Current	\$ 13,364.75	Current	\$ 4,922.20
Benevolence	760.50	Benevolence	641.80
World Hunger	25.00	World Hunger	25.00
Specials	35.00	Specials	50.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 14,185.25</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 5,639.00</b>

We need \$11,763.97 in **CURRENT** per month to meet the 2016 budget.

## St. Paul's Women of the ELCA

The Women of the ELCA at St. Paul's met Wednesday, May 18, 2016 with eight women present. President Jane Pretzer opened the meeting with a Welcome and appreciation for those in attendance.

Pastor Mark opened with a prayer followed with a Bible study "Planting Seeds."

The women recited the purpose of the ELCA. Minutes of the January meeting were read by acting secretary Linda Beran. Treasurer Carolyn Schultis reported a balance of \$503.07.

### Committee Reports:

**Work Group:** two funerals were served, appreciation expressed to those helping and providing food items

**Eunice Circle:** It was voted to spend up to \$100 to purchase bags for the School Kit project

**Warren's Table:** 27 people were served at Warren's Table, May 10

Correspondence was read from Marilee Brinkmeyer, Synod Southeast WELCA representative. The Nebraska WELCA Human Trafficking Task Force is asking each Unit to help with supplies for Hygiene Kits for trafficking victims. These kits are to be sent to Synod convention June 4 in Kearney. A motion was passed to spend \$50.00 toward this project with Jane volunteering to purchase the items.

A letter was shared from Dylan Nippert expressing his appreciation for cards and letters he has received from our congregation.

Gratitude was expressed to those giving their time and talents to the church—Ladies who served Lenten coffees, Sunday coffee makers, card chairman, monthly card senders, and those helping in any way with the Spring Salad Supper, World Day of Prayer and church landscaping.

We will be seeking volunteers to work in the Church Food Stand during Diller picnic. WELCA will be responsible for an evening. A sign up sheet will be available in the Fellowship area.

WELCA monthly card schedule is as follows:

**May: Ardith Barber**

**June: Jean Schnuelle**

**July: Robbyn Roelfs**

**August: Judy DeBoer**

The next WELCA Unit meeting will be August 17, 2016 with Pastor Mark leading a Bible Study. Offering was \$32.00. Jane closed by reading an inspirational poem "Thought for Today" followed by the Lord's Prayer. Refreshments were served by Jane.

Respectfully Submitted, Linda Beran for Robbyn Roelfs

## *Eunice Circle*



Eunice Circle met on May 9, 2016 at 1:30pm. The Bible Study was led by Irene Gibson. "Mary and Elizabeth – sisters across the generations." In this study, we reflect on their relationship and how we as women today relate across generations. Our support for each other helps us to hear and heed God's calling to bear Christ to the world. The study text was from Luke 1: 26–56. The focus verse was Luke 1:38.

We opened with prayer and Hymn, "Will You Let Me Be Your Servant?" We closed with the Gospel Canticle, "The Song of Mary" 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 \$10.00.

**Old Business:** Spring Gathering at American Lutheran Church in Fairbury, which will be held on Saturday, April 23<sup>rd</sup>. Fee is \$18 if postmarked by April 9<sup>th</sup> and \$20 fee after April 9<sup>th</sup>. WELCA Meeting will be in April or May. Warren's Community Table will be on May 10<sup>th</sup> at 5:30pm, and financial help is needed. Work Day will be April 26<sup>th</sup>, all help is appreciated.

**New Business:** WELCA Meeting will be May 18, 2016 at 7pm. Work Days will be May 24<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup>. Warren's Community Table will be on May 10, 2016 at 5:30pm.

After Grace, Marla Weichel served refreshments.

Next Eunice Circle meeting will be June 13, 2016 at 1:30pm, June book. Norma Banahan is study leader. The June meeting will be at Kay Taylor's home.

*Irene Gibson, Recorder*

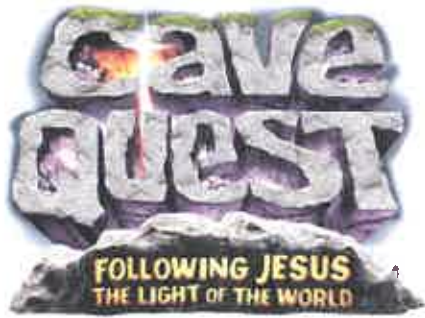
**Armando Jones was in an accident recently and severely broke his arm. He had a couple surgeries at Bryan West in Lincoln and is now home and expected to have a full recovery.**

**Please keep Armando in your prayers on his path to recovery.**



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:

*Irene Pretzer, Loretta Barber, Bernice Ebbers, Toby Fritzen,  
Dylan Nippert, Mallory Helton and Skylar Folkers.*



## ST. PAUL LUTHERAN VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2016

“Cave Quest - Following Jesus: the Light of the World” was our 2016 Vacation Bible School theme. Kids experienced God’s love through Sing and Play Rock, Deep Bible Quests, Spelunker Sports and Games, Cavern Café, KidVid Cinema, and Imagination Station. Children attended May 22-26 with a week full of fun and learning.

As part of our Vacation Bible School, children were encouraged to bring food items to donate to a local food pantry. Students added their items to try to create their own “stalagmite” (something we learned at VBS)!

The week was filled with the following daily stories and themes:

**Day 1:** Bible Story: Prophets foretell the light of the world.  
Bible Point: Jesus gives us hope.  
Bible Verse: “O Lord, you alone are my hope.” (Psalm 71:5)

**Day 2:** Bible Story: Jesus and Peter walk on water.  
Bible Point: Jesus gives us courage.  
Bible Verse: “Take courage. I am here!” (Matthew 14:27)

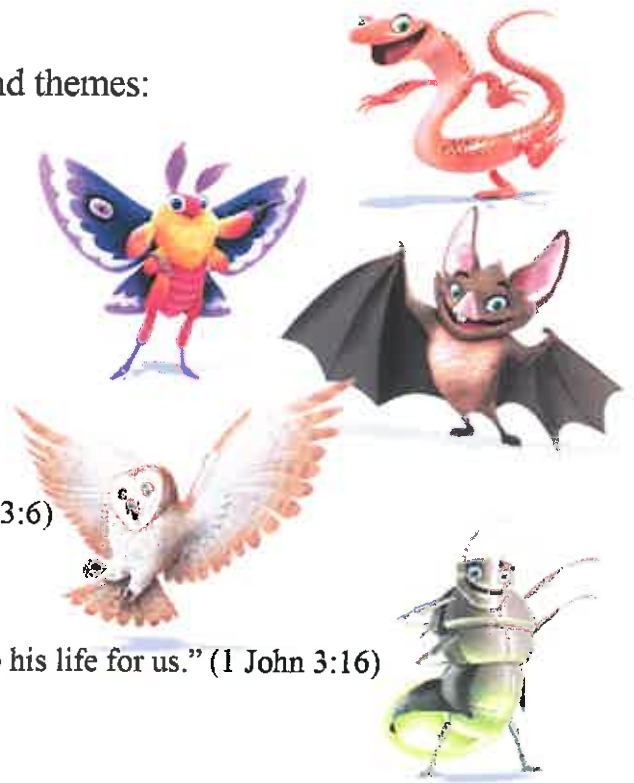
**Day 3:** Bible Story: Jesus sheds light on how to live.  
Bible Point: Jesus gives us direction.  
Bible Verse: “He will show you which path to take.” (Proverbs 3:6)

**Day 4:** Bible Story: Jesus dies and comes back to life.  
Bible Point: Jesus gives us love.  
Bible Verse: “We know what real love is because Jesus gave up his life for us.” (1 John 3:16)

**Day 5:** Bible Story: Jesus ascends and empowers his followers.  
Bible Point: Jesus gives us his power.  
Bible Verse: “Our great power is from God, not from ourselves.” (2 Corinthians 4:7)

On Sunday, May 29 we concluded our week of Vacation Bible School with a program during the church service. Different activities and songs of each day were shared with our congregation and community.

The Christian Education Committee wants to thank the numerous individuals (adults and youth) who helped make this opportunity possible for the children of our church and community. Thank you for your time and willingness in sharing this amazing adventure that helped kids begin to deepen their faith by exploring who Jesus is—the light of the world!



Pictures from

# CAVE QUEST

FOLLOWING JESUS  
THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD

St. Paul VBS 2016





# CONGRATULATIONS to All Our Graduates



## Our High School Graduates



**Cody James Scheele**  
 Son of Tim and Jill Scheele and  
 Grandson of Jim and Jeanette Bures  
 Diller-Odell High School  
 Will attend  
 Central Community College in Hastings

## Our Advanced Degree Recipients



**Cassandra Ann Lottman**  
 Daughter of Chad and Courtney Lottman and  
 Granddaughter of Doug and Cindy Lottman and  
 Great-Granddaughter of Virginia Lottman  
 University of Nebraska – Lincoln  
 Bachelor of Science in Computer Science



**Elizabeth Wellsandt**  
 Spouse of Michael Wellsandt  
 University of Delaware  
 PhD in Biomechanics and  
 Movement Science



**Amanda Christine Snider**  
 Granddaughter of Melvin and Jean Weers  
 University of Arizona at Flagstaff  
 Bachelor of Arts in English and  
 Certification in Literature  
 and Creative Writing

## Our Extended Church Family Graduates



**Marissa Renee Sandman**  
 Granddaughter of Melvin and Jean Weers  
 Beatrice High School  
 Will attend  
 the University of Nebraska - Lincoln



**Hayden Lee Walker Frost**  
 Grandson of David and Leana Lottman and  
 Great-Grandson of Virginia Lottman  
 Lincoln East High School  
 Will attend  
 The Career Academy at  
 Southeast Community College – Lincoln



**Whitney Wooton**  
 Granddaughter of the late Nancy Lillie  
 Wymore Southern High School  
 Will attend  
 Southeast Community College and  
 the University of Nebraska - Lincoln





Come and celebrate!

**HAPPY 100<sup>TH</sup> BIRTHDAY  
To Tobias (Toby) Fritzen!!**

There is an open house celebration given by his family in his honor on  
**Sunday, June 5**  
At the American Legion in Beatrice  
From 2 to 4pm.

Have a **WONDERFUL** birthday, Toby!

**Congratulations, Pastor Wiemers!!**

**St. Paul Lutheran will be celebrating the  
55<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the ordination of  
Dr. Rev. Delmar D Wiemers  
with a Carry-In Meal  
following Worship services on  
Sunday, June 12**

**Please come and enjoy fellowship and his many  
years of Christian Service!**



**IT'S DILLER PICNIC TIME!**

The Diller Picnic is **FAST** approaching, and volunteers are needed  
to cover the shifts at the Church Food Stand.

Sign-up sheets are in the back of the Narthex with time slots available for  
Thursday, Friday and Saturday, June 23-25.

Please sign up to volunteer a few hours of time  
to help with this worthwhile project and support our church. **THANK YOU!**

*St. Paul's Women of the ELCA  
served a meal at the  
Warren's Community Table  
on May 10<sup>th</sup>.*

*A big **THANK YOU**  
to all who made donations  
to help support this worthwhile project.*





# Happy Birthday



## June Birthdays

1	Dennis Hennerberg	12	Andrew Fugett	19	Douglas Lottman
2	Mark Wolken	14	Makayla Hawkins	19	Marcy Barber
5	Tobias Fritzen	15	Jody Roelfs	23	Tyson Landenberger
5	Shelly Smith	16	Howard Perkins	23	Jesse Scheele
10	Cleo Perkins	17	Anthony Fugett	24	Xavier Jones
11	Lucas Nippert	17	Taylor Landenberger	26	James Damrow
		18	Reese Hennerberg	30	Cindy Lottman

## July Birthdays

1	Rodney Arthur	15	Marquis Weers	24	ReJeanna Sasse
3	Stacy Roelfs	16	Lakeyn Sasse	24	Morgan Steensnes
5	Brennan Schultis	17	Harvey Nish	24	Scarlet Steensnes
6	Kyle Bergmeier	18	Pastor Delmar Wiemers	25	Tucker Goldsberry
10	Courtney Lottman	20	Ron Barber, Sr.	26	Bernice Ebbers
12	Bradley Sasse	20	Susan Meyer	26	Virgil Garton
13	Dean Pretzer	22	Sharon Arthur	30	Julie Schmidt
15	Neil Roelfs	23	Dean Roelfs		



# HAPPY ANNIVERSARY



## June Wedding Anniversaries

June 2, 1968	Mr. & Mrs. Dennis & Jeanette Hennerberg	June 17, 1983	Mr. & Mrs. Neil & Jody Roelfs
June 3, 1956	Mr. & Mrs. Norman & Darlene Balderson	June 17, 2000	Mr. & Mrs. Jarrod & Kristen Heidemann
June 3, 1956	Mr. & Mrs. Melvin & BethLee Beran	June 19, 1993	Mr. & Mrs. Rick & Annette Garton
June 4, 1977	Mr. & Mrs. John & Linda Garcia	June 22, 1996	Mr. & Mrs. John Jr. & Cheryl Denner
June 4, 1977	Mr. & Mrs. Dean & Elizabeth Roelfs	June 23, 1973	Mr. & Mrs. Doyle & Marlene Wolken
June 5, 1993	Mr. & Mrs. Larry & Susan Lawton	June 23, 1984	Mr. & Mrs. Dale & Radene Beran
June 7, 1980	Mr. & Mrs. Neil & Susan Meyer	June 26, 1977	Mr. & Mrs. David & Rhonda Duis
June 8, 1968	Mr. & Mrs. Larry & Sondra Germer	June 27, 1992	Mr. & Mrs. Norris & Jan Gold
June 12, 2010	Mr. & Mrs. B.J. & Shannon Stein	June 28, 2014	Mr. & Mrs. Tad Meyer
June 14, 2014	Mr. & Mrs. Daniel & Rachael Fallier	June 29, 1996	Mr. & Mrs. Kelly & Lisa Gold
June 15, 1975	Mr. & Mrs. Rodney & Sharon Arthur	June 29, 1990	Mr. & Mrs. Douglas & Julie Schmidt

## July Wedding Anniversaries

July 11, 1965	Mr. & Mrs. Harry & Diane Kisling	July 24, 1993	Mr. & Mrs. Tim & Jill Scheele
July 16, 1958	Mr. & Mrs. Ron Sr. & Carol Barber	July 28, 1973	Mr. & Mrs. James & Donna Damrow
July 16, 1961	Mr. & Mrs. Virgil & Judy Garton	July 29, 1989	Mr. & Mrs. Steve & Kim Fugett
July 16, 2011	Mr. & Mrs. Bradley & Lacey Sasse	July 30, 1961	Mr. & Mrs. Melvin & Jean Weers
July 19, 2014	Mr. & Mrs. John Duis		



**June 5 Sunday Worship Service**  
**With Holy Communion**  
 Worship Assistant, Jim Damrow  
 Greeter, Dennis Nippert

**June 12 Sunday Worship Service**  
 Worship Assistant, Jamie Schultis  
 Greeter, Franklin Damrow

**June 19 Sunday Worship Service**  
**Happy Father's Day**  
 Worship Assistant, Brian Weers  
 Greeter, Jim Bures

**June 26 Sunday Worship Service**  
 Worship Assistant, Jim Damrow  
 Greeter, Dean Pretzer



Tim Scheele    Jesse Scheele  
 Cody Scheele    Russell Schultis

Brian Weers    Darin Weers  
 Melvin Weers    Doyle Wolken

Charles Barber    Dale Beran  
 Melvin Beran    Scott Beran

Gary Bergmeier    Jim Bures  
 Chris Clifford    Franklin Damrow



Mallory Denner

Brianna Weers

Tori Smith

Jadyn Schultis



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

Children's Sermon

Pastor Mark

Jeanette Bures

Kay Schlake

Kristen Heidemann

Carolyn Schultis  
 Sheri Schultis

Beth Lee Beran  
 Linda Beran

Jill Bergmeier  
 Angie Clifford

Diane Wellsandt  
 Linda Behrends

# June 2016



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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			1	2	3	4
					Synod Convention at Kearney	
Red Hymnal <b>5</b> Worship Service 9:30 AM  <i>Fritzen 100<sup>th</sup>                      Birthday                      Open House 2-4pm</i>	6	7	8	9	10	11
Blue Hymnal <b>12</b> Worship Service 9:30 AM  Wiemers Ordination 55 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Potluck Meal following Worship	13 <i>Eunice Circle 1:30pm</i>	 <b>Council Meeting 8:00pm</b>	15	16	17	18
Red Hymnal <b>19</b> Worship Service 9:30 AM <b>FATHER'S DAY</b>	20	21	22	23	24	25
				Diller Picnic	→	
Blue Hymnal <b>26</b> Worship Service 9:30 AM	27	Work <b>28</b> Day All Day Youth Canoe Trip	29	30		
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**July 3 Sunday Worship Service**  
**With Holy Communion**  
 Worship Assistant, Brian Hennerberg  
 Greeter, Charles Barber

**July 10 Sunday Worship Service**  
 Worship Assistant, Kendra K. Weers  
 Greeter, Jim Damrow

**July 17 Sunday Worship Service**  
 Worship Assistant, Diane Wellsandt  
 Greeter, Don Meyer

**July 24 Sunday Worship Service**  
 Worship Assistant, Jim Damrow  
 Greeter, Dean Pretzer

**July 31 Sunday Worship Service**  
 Worship Assistant, Jamie Schultis  
 Greeter, Dennis Nippert



**August 7 Sunday Worship Service**  
**With Holy Communion**  
 Worship Assistant, Dennis Hennerberg  
 Greeter, Franklin Damrow



Jim Damrow John Denner  
 Jeremy Engelman Larry Gerner

Jarrold Heidemann Steve Hemphill  
 Dennis Hennerberg Jamie Hennerberg

Brian Hennerberg Calvin Hennerberg  
 Reese Hennerberg David Henrichs

Brett Landenberger  
 Tyson Landenberger  
 Harry Kising Chad Lottman

Doug Lottman Don Meyer  
 Dennis Nippert Dean Pretzer

Adam Roelfs Dean Roelfs  
 Doug Schmidt Spencer Schmidt



Zeke Jones

Mykah Folkers

Addison Heidemann

Mallory Denner

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Children's Sermon

Pastor Mark

Cheryl Denner

Dave/Sherry Henrichs

Beth Roelfs

Jean Schmidt

Pastor Mark

Kendra K. Weers  
 Jan Liscom

Jeanette Bures  
 Jill Scheele

Cheryl Denner  
 Marlene Wolken

Judy DeBoer  
 Courtney Lottman




Judy Garton  
 Annette Garton

Jan Gold  
 Kristen Heidemann

# July 2016



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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
<p>★ PLEASE NOTE ★</p> <p>The Council Meeting for July was not available at press time. The date and time of the meeting will be set at the June Council meeting.</p>					<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>
<p><i>Red Hymnal</i> <b>3</b> Worship Service 9:30 AM Holy Communion</p>	<b>4</b> 	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>
<p><i>Blue Hymnal</i> <b>10</b> Worship Service 9:30 AM</p>	<p><i>Eunice Circle</i> <b>11</b> 1:30pm</p> 	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>
		Jefferson County Fair through July 17 →				
<p><i>Red Hymnal</i> <b>17</b> Worship Service 9:30 AM</p> <p>Jefferson County Fair</p>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>
			Gage County Fair through July 31 →			
<p><i>Blue Hymnal</i> <b>24</b> Worship Service 9:30 AM</p>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> <b>Work Day</b> All Day	<b>27</b> Newscaster items due	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>
<p><i>Red Hymnal</i> <b>31</b> Worship Service 9:30 AM</p> <p>Gage County Fair</p>						