

# St. Paul's Newscaster



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## The Hope that is within you?

*"Always be ready; ready to make your defense to anyone who demands from you an accounting for the hope that is in you" (2 Peter 3:15)*

Hmm. What a strange little passage from Scripture. Be ready to defend the hope that is within you. Yup, pretty weird.

It's strange for this reason. Has anyone ever asked you about the hope that is within you? Have you ever asked it of anyone else? That's what makes the passage so strange. I don't know about you, but no one has ever asked me to account for the hope that is within me, and I've never asked it of anyone else.

Oh we have some hopes. We hope we'll have a good harvest, or perhaps be able to be comfortable when we retire. We hope the Cornhuskers will win their next game. We hope the stock market will stay strong. But that's not really hope.....it's just life as usual. No wonder no one asks. Our hopes are usually not interesting enough or passionate enough to ask about. It's just not in our daily life, the kind of hope Peter seems to be referring to.

It seems we've settled in, and settled for.....something much less than a passionate desire for life and love. The heart of the Divine. We had it once long ago, but we lost it. It would be great to get it back.

Dear Jesus, help us not to settle for less than a life of passionate desire. To serve, to live, to take risks, to love. To be all in. Please Lord, kindle in us hope once again.

*Pastor Mark*

# NEWS LETTER

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In Loving Memory of our Son and Brother,

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who died October 13, 2015

*and*

Virginia Lottman

*and*

Dr. Rev. Delmar D. and Phyllis Wiemers,

In Honor of our first Great-Grandson,

Nolan Michael, born May 6

### ***Please take note of the dates of things that are happening with the Church this month:***

- **Sunday, October 1** - Transformational Ministry Presentation during Worship with Guest Speaker and "coach", Rich Sheridan; First Communion
- **Wednesday, October 4** - Confirmation Parents' Night
- **Sunday, October 8** - Guest Speaker Bob Byron with Prison Ministry during worship; Youth Meeting at Parsonage
- **Monday, October 9** - Eunice Circle
- **Wednesday, October 11** - Confirmation Service Project
- **Wednesday, October 18** - Council Meeting
- **Sunday, October 22** - Confirmation Prayer & Pancakes after Worship Youth-Led Worship and Youth Movie Night at Parsonage
- **Tuesday, October 24** - Work Day
- **Wednesday, October 25** - Confirmation travels to Mosaic in Beatrice
- **Sunday, October 29** - Reformation Sunday, **Newscaster Items DUE**
- **Tuesday, October 31** - Work Day, Reformation



## St. Paul Lutheran Church Council Minutes for September 20, 2017

Pastor Mark opened the meeting with prayer and a reading/discussion from John 5. Members present were Charles Barber, Marcy Barber, David Henrichs, Cindy Lottman, Allen Roelfs, and Jean Schmidt. Minutes from the August meeting were reviewed. There was an error in the minutes printed in the Newscaster. The Newscaster read that Adam Roelfs was absent while the official minutes read that Allen Roelfs was absent. David moved to note the correction and accept the minutes and Marcy seconded. Motion passed.

### TREASURER'S REPORT

Marcy reported that the current balance is \$-1,286.26. As many bills as possible have been paid; however, the September Portico, Benevolence, World Hunger, and part of Pastor Mark's salary have not been paid as well as a few other monthly bills. A congregational reminder that St. Paul is short of funds will be included in the bulletin. Jean moved to accept and Cindy seconded. Motion passed.

### MEMORIAL TREASURER'S REPORT

Allen reported that the current balance is \$13,368.53 without the monthly interest. The new church sign has been set up and is being used. The remaining balance has been paid. There may be a few incoming bills from the expenses of installing the church sign. A big thank you to all involved in the process to remove the old sign and install the new one. Also thanks to Donna and Jim Damrow for seeding the grass and planting flowers near the sign! Marcy moved to accept and Jean seconded. Motion passed.

### PASTOR'S REPORT

4 worship services, 3 confirmation classes and 1 service project, 2 youth group meetings, 4 hospital calls, 4 home visitations, 1 confirmation make-up class, 3 text studies, 1 Cluster meeting, 1 Bible Study. No mileage.

- There are 6 new confirmation students; classes have begun and are going well.
- Pastor Mark is working with students to prepare them for Communion Sunday in October.
- Youth group will continue to help with the church service the last Sunday of the month; Pastor Mark plans to use some of the adult ed. materials with the youth.
- Pastor Mark has a concern with sermon notes that have been part of the confirmation program in the past; are they serving a purpose or do they just make parents/students accountable for attending church services? Council discussed the necessity of sermon notes.

### COMMITTEE REPORT

- Christian Education--Planned for Sunday School program and plans with Pastor Mark.
- Diller Picnic Food Stand--Final Food Stand numbers are in and have been deposited.

### OLD BUSINESS

- Pastor Mark is finishing the explanation to print about the offering designations.
- Pastor Mark is working with those interested in being assistant ministers.
- There are a couple women's names to add to the usher list.

### NEW BUSINESS

- Pastor Mark would like to meet with the Transformational Ministry Group. A representative will present to the congregation information about the program during a church service in October.
- Pastor Mark has made plans for an individual to present information about prison ministry during a church service.
- St. Paul has received a letter with information to obtain terrorism insurance. The insurance was discussed. Marcy will decline the terrorism rider. Charles made a motion to decline the insurance and Cindy seconded. Motion passed.
- Pastor Mark's insurance coverage for 2018 needs to be chosen. The Portico Health Care coverage options were discussed. Council members will check on other options. A decision will be made during the next meeting.

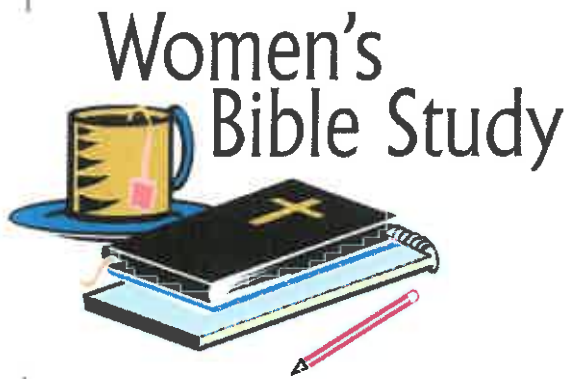
The next council meeting will be on Wednesday, October 18, 2017, at 7:00 p.m. Allen made a motion to adjourn and Marcy seconded. Motion passed. The meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer.

*Jean Schmidt, Council Secretary*

<b>TREASURER'S REPORT</b>			
<b>General Fund Balance as of 9/20/2017</b>		<b>- \$ 1,286.26</b>	
Bills Due by end of September:	September Portico	\$ 3,893.20	
	September Portico	<u>1,805.75</u>	
	Total	<b>\$ 5,698.95</b>	
<b>August/September</b>			
<i>Last Month: August</i>		<i>Current Month: September</i>	
Current	\$ 7,917.29	Current	\$ 3,304.60
Benevolence	443.05	Benevolence	414.90
World Hunger	711.69	World Hunger	0.00
Specials	<u>741.69</u>	Specials	<u>35.00</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 9,813.72</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 3,754.50</b>
<b>We need \$11,984.57 in CURRENT per month to meet the 2017 budget.</b>			



## Eunice Circle



# Women's Bible Study

Eunice Circle met on September 11, 2017 at 1:30pm. Norma Banahan was our Bible Study leader. The Apostles' Creed - We believe in God. The Apostles' Creed is part of our prayer life, our welcome liturgy and our teaching tools. It connects us to the history of the church and the faith. The Apostles' Creed is more than just words. It carries us through doubt, sorrow and joy.

The Theme verse from Philippians 2:1-2. The text was from Philippians 2:1-16. Also, The Apostles' Creed from the ELW worship book.

We opened with prayer and Hymn, "Let All Things Now Living." We closed with a prayer and The Lord's Prayer.

Norma called the meeting to order. Minutes were read and approved. Four (4) members answered roll call. Our offering was \$8.00.

Old Business: WELCA Unit meeting was on August 16, 2017 at 7pm. Work Days were August 22<sup>nd</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup>.

New Business: Discussed program for WELCA Unit Meeting. Work Day will be October 26<sup>th</sup>. Warren's Community Table is September 12 in Beatrice.

After Grace, Cleo Perkins served refreshments.

Next Eunice Circle will be October 9, 2017 at 1:30pm, October book. Irene Gibson will be study leader.

*Irene Gibson, Recorder*

## MISSION WORK DAY

Thanks to faithful workers, nine quilts were put together August 29<sup>th</sup>. September 26 found five women assembling ten quilts. Will work again October 24. Then on the 31<sup>st</sup>, all the quilts and other LWR items will be packed, taped and labeled, ready to be delivered.

To do this, boxes with lids are needed. Also, two volunteers with pickups are needed for delivery to Lincoln in November. Anyone wishing to help, see a WELCA member.

With these gifts the message is delivered - of God's ever-present love and care - to someone in need.



**Thanks be to God!**

# Thank You

*A special thanks to all who sent cards and greetings for our 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary and Betty's 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday and all who attended our open house. It was all very much appreciated.*

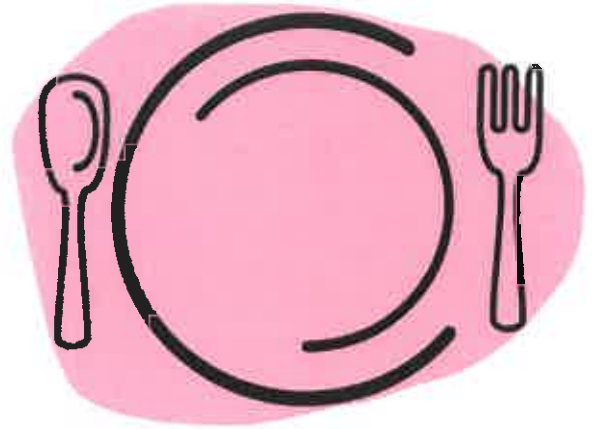
*Franklin and Betty Damrow*

## Warren's Community Table

On September 12, St. Paul's Youth Group served Warren's Community Table at Christ Church Episcopal in Beatrice. Jeanette Bures prepared goulash and along with that we served a dinner bun with applesauce and cookies for dessert.

We served 24 guests and our helpers. Helping were Hannah Ebeling, Hollie Crawford, Christopher Schmidt, Mallory Helton, Jeanette Bures and Pastor Mark.

Thanks for all the donations and support from the congregation for making this event possible. A special thank you to the Youth Group for giving their time.



Appreciation is expressed to members of St. Paul's Youth Group as they assisted with the Sunday morning worship service and coffee fellowship hour on September 24<sup>th</sup>.

The Worship Assistant was Jesse Scheele and the Children's Sermon was led by Bryston Warren. He had a good message about getting what we deserve. He gave different amount of treats to the kids, because they were his to give, leaving some unhappy they didn't get the same. This is the parable of the vineyard owner who paid all the workers hired during the day the same amount, leaving those who worked all day to feel they should be paid more for working longer. However, we all receive the gift of eternal life, whether we deserve it or not. Thank you, God, for NOT giving us what we deserve!

The first scripture was read by Neleigh Weers and the second was read by Christopher Schmidt. The Gospel was read by Hayley Denner. Ushers were Haley Jones, Armando Jones, Spencer Schmidt and Isaiah Weers. The refreshments were served by Brianna Weers, Hannah Ebeling, Samantha Clifford and Jadyn Schultis.



## Youth Goes "Frolfing"

The Youth Group went "Frolfing" (Frisbee Golfing) on Sunday evening, September 10 at Chautauqua Park in Beatrice.

After playing a round, Jill broke out the grill and the youth grilled hot dogs and enjoyed them with chips, drinks, cookies and home-canned jalapeños.

Those in attendance were Jesse Scheele, Christopher Schmidt, Armando Jones, Brianna Weers, Hollie Crawford, Neleigh Weers, Mallory Helton, Isaiah Weers and sponsors Pastor Mark Liscom and Jill Scheele.

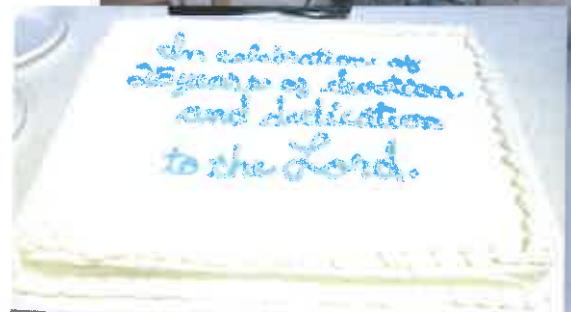


# Congratulations, Pastor Mark, for 25 Years!!

On Sunday, September 10, we celebrated Pastor Mark Liscom's 25 years of Ordination at the Sunday School Kickoff potluck meal at the church.

Special Guest Dr. Rev. Delmar D. Wiemers said a few words in his honor and recognized his own milestone anniversary of ordination. A lovely gift of a folded-page book that showed the word "Pray" that was visible from the side was presented and all enjoyed the meal and fellowship and anniversary cake. It was a special day and a wonderful celebration.

Congratulations!



## *We Have a New Sign!!*

Several members of our Property Committee and other volunteers came together to complete this improvement project.

A BIG Thank You to all who helped at any stage.



One final look at the old sign



New sign being unloaded by members of the congregation



The old sign is out and the new base is poured



Ready to be installed

Our New Sign!! Mums have since been planted in front and grass has been seeded. It looks great!!

On September 10, 2017, we had a beautiful day for Worship in the Park and Sunday School Kickoff and potluck.

Our opening Hymn was "Word Of God Come Down To Earth," and a fun Children's Sermon, given by Pastor Mark, who wore a Santa hat to evoke memories and how small things can bring back memories, as they are still there.

The Message by Pastor Liscom was about how we have to go back to when we were a child, how we came from eternity as a gift from God and we need to reconnect with the child we were. The Hymn of the day was "Thy Holy Wings." Our closing Hymn was "Go, My Children With My Blessing."

Games for the kids were held on the South lawn of the church and led by the Christian Education Committee and assisted by Confirmation and Youth students while the church members set up the potluck that was held inside. We all enjoyed the delicious gifts of the church members and honored Pastor Mark for his 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of ordination. If you were unable to join us this year, please join us next year for a fun departure from the ordinary.



## Worship in the Park



*Several of our congregational members have been in the hospital recently.  
**Jeanette Banahan** had a medical episode, but is now doing well  
and has been moved to the rehab center at Bryan West in Lincoln and is improving.  
**Betty Lawrence** was at Beatrice Community Hospital, but is now at home and doing well.*

*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, Kay Taylor, Dylan Nippert,  
Eden Lottman, Mallory Helton and Skylar Folkers.*



The Diller-Odell Homecoming game vs. the Superior Wildcats on September 8 was an exciting one and capped off a fun week of spirit activities. The team played well together and never lost the lead. The final score is pictured on the left.

Homecoming royalty are both members of our church. Ashlen Vanover, daughter of Shawn Lottman, granddaughter of Doug and Cindy Lottman and great-granddaughter of Virginia Lottman, was crowned Queen. Tyson Landenberger, son of Brett and Toni Landenberger and grandson of Ray and Judy Landenberger, was crowned King.

Congratulations to both of you and the football team.  
~ Contributed by Brianna Weers



### YOUTH PHILANTHROPY CONTEST

Proudly Sponsored by the **Diller Community Foundation Fund**

Diller community youth, we invite you to use your creativity, energy, passion and talent to serve our community! We are happy to announce a NEW contest for youth ages K-22 years old, to apply for grants up to \$500 that will help our community change and grow! Use your gifts, talents and ideas to help create the best community to live!

You must apply by **December 1, 2017** and the project must be complete by **March 31, 2019**. Please see Beth Roelfs or look on the bulletin board in the back of the church for more information.



## HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

### October Wedding Anniversaries



October 2, 2004

Mr. & Mrs. Shawn & Jill Lottman

October 10, 1998

Mr. & Mrs. Chris & Stacy Schlichtman

October 11, 2014

Mr. & Mrs. Kolt & Hayden Nutsch



### October Birthdays



- 1 Jeremy Meyer
- 1 Corina Lottman
- 2 Jill Scheele
- 2 Jill Holliger
- 2 Lance Lawton
- 4 Pastor Mark Liscom
- 4 Steve Fugett
- 5 Betty Lawrence
- 6 Megan Langenberg
- 7 Jill Lottman
- 7 Cale Clifford
- 9 John Denner, Jr.

- 9 Sarah Schmidt
- 9 Jarod Gold
- 9 Madeline Lottman
- 9 Valerie Lottman
- 10 Jeanette Bures
- 11 Courtney Meyer
- 14 Ray Landenberger
- 14 Jonathan Schmidt
- 16 Kendra K Weers
- 17 David Duis
- 17 Kenneth Thomsen
- 18 Phyllis Wiemers
- 18 Kevin Banahan

- 19 Josie Hennerberg
- 20 Marla Weichel
- 20 Bradley Hawkins
- 22 Robert Weers
- 23 Tad Meyer
- 25 Janet Whitehead
- 26 Patrick Hemphill
- 27 Linda Beran
- 27 Noah Gold
- 29 Dylan Nippert
- 31 Sheri Schultis
- 31 Samantha Clifford





**October 1 Sunday Worship Service  
With Holy Communion (First Communion)**

**Worship Assistant, David Henrichs**  
Greeter, Franklin Damrow

**October 8 Sunday Worship Service**

**Worship Assistant, Diane Wellsandt**  
Greeter, Don Meyer

**October 15 Sunday Worship Service**

**Worship Assistant, Jim Damrow**  
Greeter, Jim Bures

**October 22 Sunday Worship Service**

**Worship Assistant, Youth Group**  
Greeter, Youth Group

**October 29 Sunday Worship Service**

**Reformation Sunday**

**Worship Assistant, David Henrichs**  
Greeter, Dennis Nippert



**November 5 Sunday Worship Service**

**With Holy Communion**

**Worship Assistant, Sherry Henrichs**  
Greeter, Dean Pretzer



Brian Hennerberg Calvin Hennerberg  
Reese Hennerberg Dennis Hennerberg

Jamie Hennerberg Harry Kising  
Chad Lottman Doug Lottman

Brett Landenberger Don Meyer  
Tyson Landenberger Dennis Nippert

Youth Group

Dean Pretzer Allen Roelfs  
Adam Roelfs Dean Roelfs

Kevin Sasse Russell Schultis  
Jamie Schultis Caleb Schultis



Reminder: If you are scheduled, you are expected to arrive. Arrange for someone else to cover if you will not be there for your scheduled Sunday.

Esdon Weers

Karli Heidemann  
Keira Hennerberg

Esdon Weers  
David Parde

Mykah Folkers  
Zachary Warren

Skylar Folkers  
Kellan Schlichtman

Mallory Denner  
Cole Ebeling



Children's  
Sermon

Pastor Mark

Cheryl Denner

Jean Schmidt

Youth Group

David/Sherry  
Henrichs

Pastor Mark



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

Jeanette Hennerberg  
Kristen Hennerberg

Leatha Christ  
Donna Damrow

Jeanette Bures  
Jill Scheele

Cheryl Denner  
Barb Sasse

Kendra S Weers  
Diane Kising

Jean Schmidt  
Julie Schmidt

# October 2017



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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
<p><i>Red Hymnal</i> <b>1</b>  <b>Worship Service</b>                      Guest Speaker Rich Sheridan                      with Transformational Ministry  <b>First Communion</b>                      9:30 AM                      SUNDAY SCHOOL 10:30 AM</p>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>
<p><i>Blue Hymnal</i> <b>8</b>  <b>Worship Service</b>                      Guest Speaker Bob Byron                      with Prison Ministry                      9:30 AM                      SUNDAY SCHOOL 10:30 AM                      Youth Meeting 6:30 @ Parsonage</p>	<p><i>Eunice                      Circle</i>                      1:30pm</p>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>
<p><i>Red Hymnal</i> <b>15</b>  <b>Worship Service</b>                      9:30 AM                      SUNDAY SCHOOL 10:30 AM</p>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>
<p><i>Blue Hymnal                      Youth-Led</i> <b>22</b>  <b>Worship Service</b> 9:30 AM                      SUNDAY SCHOOL 10:30 AM                      Confirmation Prayer &amp; Pancakes                      after worship at Parsonage</p>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>
<p>Youth Movie Night 6:30                      at Parsonage</p>		<p><b>Work                      Day</b>                      All Day</p>	<p>Confirmation                      Travel to Mosaic                      7:00-8:30pm</p>			
<p><i>Red Hymnal</i> <b>29</b>  <b>Reformation Sunday                      Worship Service</b>                      9:30 AM                      SUNDAY SCHOOL 10:30 AM</p>	<b>30</b>	<p><b>Work 31                      Day</b>                      All Day                      Reformation</p>				
<p><i>Newscafter items due</i></p>						



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