

St. Paul's Newscaster



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When Nothing Seems To Be Going Right

I don't know about you, but once in a while it seems to me that nothing is going right. Something continually upsets your well made plans. You're not getting along in your family the way you'd like. The feeling is one of always seeming to be "swimming upstream".

These times we all experience are extremely important in the spiritual life. The reason is that when this is happening to you, it usually means that you're getting to the "end of your rope" so to speak, running out of your own strength, your own will, your own energy, your own ideas. And we are so thoroughly indoctrinated in the teaching that successful living is about our own will and determination, that we simply get stuck. No matter how hard I try, it isn't working.....but my only recourse is to try harder.

It's important to understand these moments, because they usually are the open door to God. In Matthew, we read in the Beatitudes, "Blessed are the poor in spirit" or "blessed are you when you are at the end of your rope". Because here at these moments is where we are opening to the discovery of God power, a strength, a help that can do for us what we cannot do by our own strength and effort.

When nothing seems to be going right.....that's the time to hear the promise. To trust that God will make good on what he has said He would do. As a sheer gift we have been given everything. A full, everlasting and abundant life. Not on the basis of our effort or virtue or will power, but simply as a gift. God is making out of whatever situation we are in.....something new and good.

When nothing is going right, never give up.....on believing that our God will do for us what we cannot do for ourselves. That's what it's all about.

Pastor Mark

NEWS LETTER

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**In Honor of their Mothers; Angie Weers,
 Imogene Cummins and Sharon Fisch
 and**

Scott and Linda Beran

in Honor of their September 5th Wedding Anniversary

Thank You for your Sponsorship!!

The 2018 Sponsor sign-up sheet has been posted. If you have a major event you would like to honor by your sponsorship, be sure to sign up early to get the month you want. Thank you!



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

- **Sunday, September 10** - Worship in the Park, Sunday School Kickoff and Potluck; Damrow Open House
- **Monday, September 11** - Eunice Circle
- **Tuesday, September 12** - Warren's Community Table
- **Wednesday, September 13** - Confirmation Service Project
- **Wednesday, September 20** - Council Meeting
- **Saturday, September 23** - Acolyte and First Confirmation Class
- **Sunday, September 24** - Youth-Led Worship and Youth Meeting; **Newscaster Items DUE**
- **Tuesday, September 26** - Work Day
- **Wednesday, September 25** - Confirmation
- **Friday, September 27** - WELCA Autumn Renewal Registration Due



**Mark
 Your
 Calendar**

St. Paul Lutheran Church Council Minutes for August 13, 2017

Pastor Mark opened the meeting with prayer and a devotion from Romans. Members present were Charles Barber, Marcy Barber, David Henrichs, Cindy Lottman and Jean Schmidt, Adam Roelfs was absent. Minutes from the July meeting were reviewed. David moved to accept and Marcy seconded. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report

Marcy reported that the current balance is \$1,928.40. All of the monthly bills except for July Portico have been paid. David moved to accept and Jean seconded. Motion passed.

Memorial Treasurer's Report

Allen reported, through an email, that the current balance is \$18,106.57. The only deposit to the account was monthly interest. The new church sign has been ordered, a deposit paid, and should arrive sometime in September. David will arrange for help with the removal of the old sign. David moved to accept the Memorial Treasurer's report and Jean seconded. Motion passed.

Pastor's Report

4 worship services, 1 Christian Education committee meeting, 3 text studies, 1 Cluster meeting, 1 Transformational Ministry Group meeting, home communions and 2 counseling sessions. No mileage.

- Pastor Mark will be attending a retreat from Wednesday, August 13 through that weekend. He has made arrangements for church service on Sunday and a contact individual, if needed.
- Confirmation will be starting soon. There are 5 new confirmation students.
- Youth Group will be doing the Church Service on the last Sunday of the month. And the youth group will have a meeting August 27 at the parsonage.
- Sunday School will be starting soon.

Committee Reports

- Christian Education – There are around 11 students expected for Sunday School attendance with 6 teachers to rotate on the schedule. The Sunday School Rally is being planned. The Christmas Program was talked about.
- Diller Picnic Food Stand – Food Stand is waiting for final bills to be split before receiving the income from the Diller Picnic.

Old Business

- After the new church sign has been installed and harvest is finished, a work day will be planned for clean-up and repairs around the church.
- Pastor Mark is completing the explanation to print about the offering designations.
- Pastor Mark is working with the new Worship Assistants.
- Stanton Propane was contacted and a contract for propane was signed.

New Business

- Discussion was held on whether or not to include women on the usher list. Pastor Mark made a motion to put out a sign-up sheet to accept women's names on the usher list, on a voluntary basis. Marcy seconded, motion passed. An announcement will be printed in the bulletin.
- Pastor Mark, Allen Roelfs, Scott Beran and Linda Beran met with the coach for the Transformational Ministry Group. It was a good meeting. Pastor Mark would like to involve the Mutual Ministry Committee and others that may have an interest in participating.

The next council meeting will be on Wednesday, September 20, 2017, at 7:00 p.m. Jean made a motion to adjourn and Marcy seconded. Motion passed. The meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Jean Schmidt, Council Secretary

TREASURER'S REPORT

General Fund Balance as of 8/11/2017

Bills Due by end of August	July Portico	\$ 3,893.20	August Portico	\$3,893.20
		Total Due:	\$ 7,786.40	



<i>Last Month: July</i>	
Current	\$ 10,560.32
Benevolence	997.65
World Hunger	300.00
Specials	35.00
TOTAL	\$ 11,892.97

<i>Current Month: August</i>	
Current	\$ 2,470.40
Benevolence	236.60
World Hunger	0.00
Specials	0.00
TOTAL	\$ 2,707.00

We need **\$11,984.57** in **CURRENT** per month to meet the 2017 budget.

Study ^{the} Bible
with us



Eunice Circle

Eunice Circle met on August 14, 2017 at 1:30pm. Kay Taylor led our Bible Study. All Anew - Ready or Not - Upend the Tables. The Bible is filled with characters who challenged unjust systems took action and spoke truth to power. Like Jesus, we find ourselves standing with the least and turning over tables.

Our text was from Romans 13:1, 6-7, 11-12 and various verses from chapters 3, 12 and 14. Also Matthew 12:1-14.

We opened with prayer and closed with 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: WELCA Unit Meeting will be on August 16th at 7pm. Work Day will be July 25th. We still need 4oz bars of soap for baby care kits.

New Business: WELCA Unit Meeting on August 16th at 7pm. Work Days will be August 22nd and 29th.

After Grace, Marla Weichel served refreshments.

Next Eunice Circle meeting will be September 11, 2017 at 1:30pm, September book. Norma Banahan will be Study Leader.

Irene Gibson, Recorder

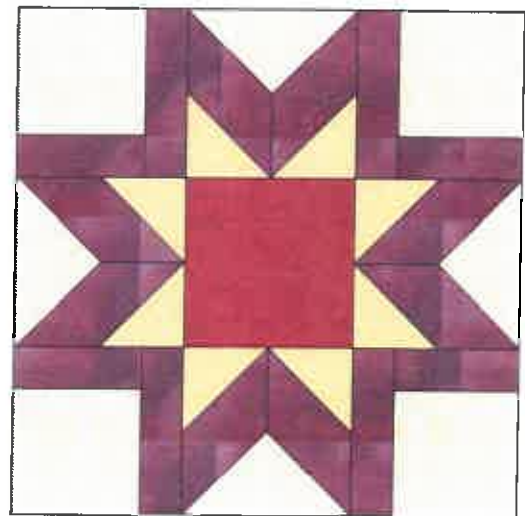
Mission Work Day

Our Lutheran World Relief efforts are going very well. School Kit Bags have been sewn and cash donations are adequate to fill them. All the items to complete the baby care kits are ready. Piles of quilts have been completed. On August 22, seven more quilts were put together. In October all will be boxed and ready. Will need two volunteers with pickups to deliver everything to Lincoln the first week in November.

Work with quilts continues August 29, again September 26.

All this is our way of reaching out to people in need around the world. Thanks to all who help with this ministry.

Thanks be to God!



WELCA Unit Meeting

August 16, 2017



President Jane Pretzer opened our Unit Meeting with a welcome and thanks to all ten women, including Mallory who attended. Jane led a bible study based on Philippians 4: 6-7 using S.O.A.P. -- a method of journaling and analyzing your bible study. S-Scripture O-Observation A-Application P-Prayer. We also enjoyed several S.O.A.P. hand out activities and closed the program with the simple prayer "May SOAP cleanse your body and soul, in God's name we pray-Amen!"

Treasurer Jeanette Bures reported a \$400.04 ending balance, noting funds for Diller Picnic Food Stand will be coming yet.

****Please note we are asking congregation for monetary donations to help support our worthy outreach projects—Warren's Table, School Bag and Baby Care Projects****

Thanks was extended to many that lead, provide, and work to accomplish such worthy projects. Eunice Circle reports many quilts completed, School Bags 65 filled—thanks to those who gathered to cut, and special recognition to Irene Gibson and Linda Beran, who provided many hours to this great project. Baby Care Kits in progress—Peggy moved to supplement funding to purchase 200 diapers, with motion carrying and Ardith to order.

New Business: "Goal to encourage congregational support and communications with high school and college students." Progress--Working with Kendra K Weers on getting a youth volunteer to report School News for Newscaster. Ardith and Peggy will work at compiling a list of college students' email, etc. contact info to start and publish in Newscaster. Much discussion held toward how to accomplish next step in this communication...holiday, birthday cards, mentor partner, congregational signing wishes and encouraging messages, email, texting, and methods to accomplish these relationships and spiritual growth outreaches. Ways to providing special recognition to honor graduation students at church with possibly cake etc. was also discussed.

Upcoming Events: Warren's Table – Tuesday Sep 12th – Monetary donations to Jeanette Bures or Jill Scheele. Monthly Card Senders Project – Aug. Ardith Barber, Sep– Mallory and Jody Helton, Oct-Donna Damrow.

Next Unit Meeting Wednesday, November 8th at 7pm – Eunice Circle to provide program.

A thank you received for our \$75 donation to WELCA Triennial Gathering and Synodical Women Ministries. Lutheran World Relief letter acknowledged thanks for donation of Baby Care Kits, letting us know our kits were sent to Guatemala. LWR working with Cross International reached 14,400 people in two areas: Guatemala City zones **in and near the dump** and **San Juan De Dios Hospital's large maternity and pediatric units.**

Yes, we can and are making a difference ladies!

An offering of \$38 was collected and refreshments served. The meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer and Jane's closing thought from Helen Keller: "The unselfish effort to bring cheer to others will be the beginning of a happier life for ourselves."

Respectfully submitted,
Robbyn Roelfs



Come one, come all!
 The entire community is invited to
Worship in the Park
 and our
Sunday School Kickoff
 and **Family Fun day** on
Sunday, September 10, 2016
 beginning at **9:30am.**

Please come and join us for worship, fellowship,
 fun, games and Potluck at the Church!
 See you there!



SUNDAY SCHOOL SCHEDULE

Fall 2017

Teachers, if you cannot teach on your scheduled day,
 please switch with someone to cover the lesson.



Sunday School Teachers FALL 2017

Lesson	Date	Teacher	Teacher	Leader
1	8/27/2017	Kristen Heidemann	Kristen Hennerberg	
	9/3/2017	Labor Day	NO SUNDAY SCHOOL	
	9/10/2017	Sunday School Rally	NO SUNDAY SCHOOL	
2	9/17/2017	Kristen Hennerberg	Ann	
3	9/24/2017	Sheri	Jamie	
4	10/1/2017	Cheryl	Beth	
5	10/8/2017	Kristen Hennerberg	S & K Schlitchman	
6	10/15/2017	Kristen Heidemann	Ann	
7	10/22/2017	Pastor	Beth	
8	10/29/2017	Sheri	Jamie	
9	11/5/2017	Cheryl	Darin	
10	11/12/2017	Kristen Hennerberg	Brian	
11	11/19/2017	Kristen Heidemann	Darin	Kristen Heidemann
12	Christmas Program Practice Begins			



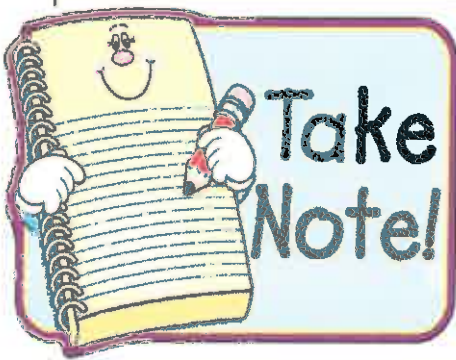
Congratulations to William (BJ) and Shannon Stein who welcome home their second daughter, Livia Lynn, born August 29th weighing 7lbs 7oz and 19½ inches long. Livia's big sister, Addison, is excited about her new little sister!

Grandparents are Robbyn and the late Stan Roelfs.

God's blessing to your family at the addition of your precious little one!

SPECIAL CELEBRATION

You are invited to an Open House to honor Betty Damrow on her 90th Birthday and Franklin and Betty Damrow to honor their 70th Wedding Anniversary On Sunday, September 10th from 2-4pm at the Diller Community Building. Come help us celebrate!



DILLER PICNIC FOOD STAND

The results are in from the Church's food stand at the Diller Picnic and it was another successful year. The WELCA group received a check for \$1,084.80, and the Church a check for \$3,183.47.

Again, a big thanks to all members who volunteered at the food stand!

USHERS WANTED

There is a sign-up sheet in the Narthex for a new usher list. We would like to include women on the list, so please sign up if you would like to be included.

Carole Jean (Geer) Beran passed away August 7. Carole grew up in Diller, and is the sister-in-law of Melvin and BethLee Beran and the Aunt of Scott and Linda Beran.

May you feel God's loving comfort and peace.



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:

Roger Steven, who was in the hospital recently;

Toby Fritzen, Richard Schnuelle, Kay Taylor, Dylan Nippert, Eden Lottman, Mallory Helton and Skylar Folkers

On August 27th, St. Paul's Youth began leading the last Sunday of the month morning worship service and coffee fellowship hour.

Greeter was Christopher Schmidt and Ushers were Hollie Crawford, Addison Heidemann, Christopher Schmidt and Caleb Schultis. Worship Assistant was Spencer Schmidt. The Children's Sermon was led by Caleb Schultis, who showed an X-Ray and talked about how we need them to see what's inside and what is inside doesn't usually match what we see on the outside. God doesn't need an X-Ray to see what is on the inside, what is truly important, because that is something you can't control, like the outside. First reading of Scripture was read by Kelsay Schlichtman, Second Scripture reading by Bryston Warren and the Gospel was read by Jesse Scheele.

The refreshments were served by Brianna Weers and Neleigh Weers.

The Youth will have a meeting this evening at the Parsonage, and will go Frisbee golfing on September 10th in Beatrice from 2-4pm. Also, the Youth will serve the Warren's Community Table meal in Beatrice on September 12 at 4pm.



It has been an exciting month for Diller-Odell. School started on August 16. To kick off the sport season football players had their scrimmage at Diller. The football team also had their first game on Friday, August 25. They played against McCool Junction at our home field. The game ended with a big Griffin victory 40-15.

Our volleyball team played at the State Fair on Saturday, August 26. The team won three out of four sets. The volleyball team travels to Freeman on August 31. The softball team is off to a great start. So far they have won two games and will be playing September 2 at the Auburn invite.

The week after Labor Day is pretty special. It's Homecoming week. On Monday we will kick off the week with a bonfire and we decorate the halls. Throughout the week we dress up in different themed outfits. We finish the week with a home football game and the crowning of Homecoming Queen and King followed by a dance. Here we go Griffins!!!!



Submitted by Jadyn Schultis

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

September Wedding Anniversaries

September 1, 1967

Mr. & Mrs. Jim Bures

September 5, 2010

Mr. & Mrs. Scott Beran

September 7, 1947

Mr. & Mrs. Franklin Damrow

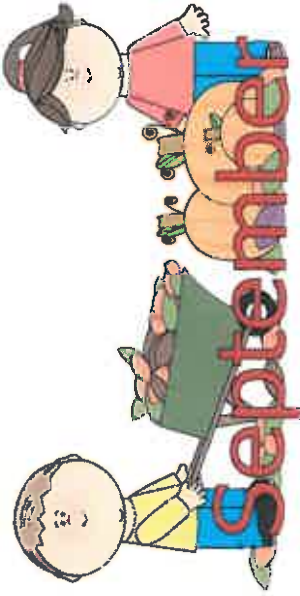
September 29, 1968

Mr. & Mrs. David Lottman



September Birthdays

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|---------------------|----------------------|------------------------|
| 1 Gail Engelman | 12 Clayton Spilker | 18 Robbyn Roelfs |
| 1 Cassandra Lottman | 12 Draedyn Sasse | 19 Kelsay Schlichtman |
| 4 Jackie Smith | 13 Richard Schnuelle | 20 Hollie Crawford |
| 5 Riley Sasse | 14 Norman Balderson | 21 Angie Clifford |
| 6 Cathy Lyons | 14 Ryan Nippert | 23 Ann Parde |
| 7 Jamie Schultis | 14 Reid Rallis | 23 Christopher Schmidt |
| 8 Tim Scheele | 16 Charles Barber | 25 Alexis Parde |
| 9 Betty Damrow | 16 Cheryl Denner | 25 Tori Smith |
| 10 Guilford Wiemers | 17 Cindy Bartlett | 26 Kay Taylor |
| 10 Andrew Graves | 17 B.J. Stein | 26 Kevin Sasse |
| 11 Shawn Lottman | 17 Shannon Stein | 26 Matthew Nippert |
| 11 Aubrey Roelfs | | 27 David Lottman |

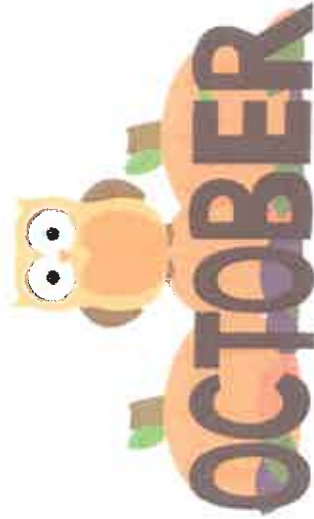


September 3 Sunday Worship Service
With Holy Communion
 Worship Assistant, Dennis Hennerberg
 Greeter, Charles Barber

September 10 Worship in the Park
 Worship Assistant, Brian Weers
 Greeter, Jim Damrow

September 17 Sunday Worship Service
 Worship Assistant, Kendra K Weers
 Greeter, Dennis Nippert

September 24 Sunday Worship Service
 Worship Assistant, Youth Group
 Greeter, Youth Group



October 1 Sunday Worship Service
With Holy Communion (First Communion)
 Worship Assistant, David Henrichs
 Greeter, Franklin Damrow



Melvin Beran Scott Beran
 Gary Bergmeier Jim Bures

Chris Clifford Franklin Damrow
 John Denner

Larry Germer Jarrod Heidemann
 Steve Hemphill David Henrichs

Youth Group

Brian Hennerberg Calvin Hennerberg
 Reese Hennerberg Dennis Hennerberg



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

Xavier Jones

No Acolyte

Mallory Denner

Spencer Weers

Esdon Weers



Children's Sermon

Pastor Mark

Jeanette Bures

Kristen Heidemann

Youth Group

Pastor Mark



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

Ardith Barber
 Marcy Barber

Jean Weers
 Ruth Horsky

Cindy Lottman
 Shelly Smith



Marla Weichel
 Cleo Perkins

Jeanette Hennerberg
 Kristen Hennerberg

September 2017



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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	
First Communion Sunday, October 1						1	2
<p><i>Red Hymnal</i> 3 Worship Service 9:30 AM NO SUNDAY SCHOOL</p>	4  <i>Labor Day</i>	5	6 Confirmation Parents Night 7:00pm	7	8	9	
<p>Worship 10 In The Park 9:30 AM SUNDAY SCHOOL KICKOFF AND CELEBRATION WITH POTLUCK Youth Frisbee Golf in Beatrice at 4pm</p> 	 11 <i>Eunice Circle</i> 1:30pm	12 WARREN'S COMMUNITY TABLE Served by Youth 4pm	13 Confirmation Service Project 7:00pm	14	15	16	
<p><i>Red Hymnal</i> 17 Worship Service 9:30 AM SUNDAY SCHOOL 10:30 AM Confirmation Prayer and Pancakes After worship at Parsonage</p>	18	19	20 Council Meeting 8:00pm	21	22	23	
<p><i>Blue Hymnal</i> Youth-Led 24 Worship Service 9:30 AM SUNDAY SCHOOL 10:30 AM Youth Meeting 6:30 at Parsonage <i>Newscaster items due</i></p>	25	26 <i>Work Day</i> All Day	27 Confirmation 7:00 pm	28	29 WELCA AUTUMN RENEWAL REGISTRATION DUE	30 First Communion and Acolyte Class 10:00am-Noon	



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