

St. Paul Newscaster



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The Power of Asking

"I remember when I had a dog, once in a while I would come home for lunch or supper, make some food and sit down at the table and begin eating. And quite often the dog would suddenly make an appearance, sit by my chair and look up as I was eating. I would try to ignore it for a while, but eventually the whole thing would get a little too much and usually I would just send him outside.

Dallas Willard writes, "The power of asking is so great that it makes many people uncomfortable. Don't you know of people who will go considerably out of their way to avoid someone who is apt to ask them for something? It may even be someone who they do not know and will never meet again. But they do not wish to feel the power of *the request*.

I think one of the great freedoms in life comes when we are able to ask for things. And when we're good with people asking things of us. Done rightly, it will not be manipulative or pressuring, you will always be able to say no or receive no for an answer. Asking cannot be a demand. It's just part and parcel of a healthy relationship.

This is why God does not, in general, answer our prayers without being asked. In essence, it would be disrespectful, intruding without a real relationship. And it's that real relationship with God that is always a big part of the answer to whatever our requests might be.

"Ask and it shall be given, seek and you will find, knock and the door will be opened" (Matt 7:7) It's a great way of life to be in that relationship to God.

Pastor Mark



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St. Paul Envision Team

St. Paul Envision Team continues their progress in working with Pastor Liscom and the Church Council in outlining goals for the Pastor, the Church Council and St. Paul Congregation. Serving as the Team's Coach/Facilitator is Sunni Richardson, Deacon/Director of Discipleship at First Lutheran Church, Lincoln.

The Team is nearing completion of their assigned task in presenting goals for the Pastor, the Church Council and the Congregation. These goals include clear objectives, defined time frames and measurable outcomes. The Team will be meeting with Church Council members on May 15 to share these recommendation goals for the future of St. Paul.

Envision Team members are Jeanette Bures, Linda Beran, Jim Damrow, Dennis Hennerberg, Sheri Schultis, Marla Weichel, Melvin Weers and Jane Pretzer. The Team is requesting continued prayers from the Congregation as they move into the implementation phase of their assignment.

St. Paul Lutheran Church Council Minutes for April 17, 2019

Pastor opened the meeting with a devotional prayer. Member present were Cindy Lottman, Jamie Schultis, Tyler Wolken, Allen Roelfs, Melvin Beran, and Darin Weers. Minutes from March were reviewed. Allen moved to accept the minutes and Darin seconded. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report

Allen reported that the current balance is \$4,343.72. The Norris and Solution One still need to be paid but will be paid at the end of the month totaling \$417.84. Sonni Richardson was also paid \$750 for her fees for helping coordinate the Vision team. There are still four meetings remaining with Sonni. With the sink issue in the kitchen, Allen is expecting the bill to deplete a majority of our remaining balance. The total of this bill will be provided in the next minutes. March donations were down, but are expect to be higher in April with Easter approaching.

Memorial Treasurer's Report

Darin reported that the balance in the account was \$13,326.57. Interest on the account was \$2.66. The Mutual Fund account showed a quarterly profit of \$1,535.65. This brought the total of the fund to \$19,106.59. The council was pleased with the profits and its' trajectory.

Pastor's Report

Four worship services, two youth meetings, two confirmation classes, four Lenten services, two hospital calls, five home/rest home communions, two Vision meetings, one cluster meeting, three text studies, and one Kensington service. Mileage that was reported was 92 miles.

- Pastor has been meeting with the Vision team and will be reporting back to the council at the next Vision team meeting May 15. This meeting will also be held with the council.
- Youth group has continued to have good attendance and participation.
- The Seder meal is still a go and will have choir practice following in preparation of the Easter service.

Vice Chairman's Report

Jamie wanted to thank all of the groups that had graciously donated food for each of the Wednesday evening suppers this last month. They were very successful and well received. Another thank you was given to all of the council members and congregation members who helped in diagnosing and repairing the water line from the kitchen sink. Lastly, Jamie wanted to share some of the comments Sonni Richardson had sent to him in an email. The email outlined the progress the Vision team has made and the final steps that will need to be taken. Council is planning on meeting with Sonni and the Vision team for their final meeting May 15. More updates to follow.

Committee Reports

Christian Education- Vacation Bible School has set its dates for June 3-7. The program will follow that Sunday, June 9th.

Memorial- Darin brought up the possibility of using some of the memorial money to update the lighting in the sanctuary. This would be in regards of the six drop down lights. Darin and the council will discuss this more and consider all lighting/pricing options.

Property- Schoen's roofing brought it to our attention that our roof has a faulty shingle that is still under warranty. While the roof is still very new, Schoen's is offering to put on a new roof at no cost to the church. Schoen's has also agreed to fix the crack in the sidewalk that they left the last time they put on the roof. More details of this project to come.

Transformational Ministry- N/A

Music and Worship- N/A

Nominating- N/A

Food Stand- N/A

Old Business

- The council is still looking for an auditor. A few names were mentioned at the meeting. Members of the congregation will be approached and decided upon before our January deadline.
- The changing of banks for the checking accounts was again discussed since a full council was present. The council discussed the pros and cons of switching the accounts from Heartland Bank to State Bank of Odell. After much discussion and debate, it was moved by Melvin to transfer the accounts. Allen seconded the motion. Allen also made an amendment to the main motion that it includes "all accounts" (Memorial/General Fund). Cindy seconded the amendment. A vote was taken and the motion/amendment passed.
- Tyler continues to post updates and events on the church's Facebook page. It is being well received. Please contact Tyler if there is anything that you would like to have promoted or shared with the congregation. The group name is (St. Paul's Lutheran Church Diller Nebraska).

New Business

- Cindy again mentioned that Vacation Bible School will be June 3-7. In promoting this program, Tyler made the suggestion that a sign be made for outside the church that will aid in promoting our Vacation Bible School week. Cindy agreed to help make the sign.
- Cindy also noted the approaching Diller Picnic and ideas for the church float. Little discussion was had. More to come as the picnic get closer.
- Tyler brought up the idea of bringing back an adult bible study group. There was lots of positive discussion. The council briefly discussed what this group might look like in the future and who/how the meetings would be led. The council is open to the idea and so was Pastor. Details of this group will be talked about in the meantime and the council will be seeking input/interest from the congregation.

The next council meeting will be May 15. The council will be meeting with the Vision team and discussing it findings and recommendations for the council, Pastor, and the rest of the congregation. Allen moved to adjourn the meeting and Cindy seconded. Motion passed. The meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer.

TREASURER'S REPORT

General Fund Balance as of 4/16/2019

\$ 4,761.56

Bills Due by end of April Norris (estimate) 260.00

Solution One \$157.84

Total Due:

\$ 417.84



Last Month: March

Current	\$ 8,543.43
Benevolence	1,349.55
World Hunger	50.00
Specials	70.00
TOTAL	\$ 10,012.98

Current Month: April (as of 4/16/19)

Current	\$ 3,547.84
Benevolence	339.19
World Hunger	0.00
Specials	50.00
TOTAL	\$ 3,937.03

We need \$10,111.21 in CURRENT per month to meet the 2019 budget.



WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Eunice Circle

Eunice Circle met on April 8, 2019 at 1:30pm. Kay Taylor led the Bible Study. Gospel of John: Meetings with Jesus. "Seeing the Risen Christ, coming to Faith." In the Gospel of John, we walk with Mary Magdalene, the Beloved Disciple, Thomas and others as we encounter the risen Lord.

The theme verse was from John 20:29b. Our study texts from John 20:1-31 and John 21:1-24.

We opened with prayer and Hymn, "We Walk by Faith." We closed with prayer and Hymn, "Signs and Wonders" and The Lord's Prayer.

Norma called our meeting to order. Minutes were read and approved. Six (6) members answered Roll Call. Our offering was \$23.00.

Old Business: Tuesday, April 30, 2019 is the Spring Salad Supper. WELCA Unit Meeting will be May 2 at 7pm. Our program for WELCA will be August 6, 2019 at 7pm. Work Day was on March 26th.

New Business: Tuesday, April 30, 2019 at 6pm is the Spring Salad Supper. WELCA Unit Meeting on May 2 at 7pm. Work Days will be April 23rd and 30th.

After Grace, Cleo Perkins served refreshments.

Next Eunice Circle meeting will be May 13, 2019 at 1:30pm, May book. Linda Behrends will be Bible Study leader.

- Irene Gibson, Recorder

Mission Work Day

On March 26, nine quilts were assembled and taken home to be hemmed.

Our next work days are April 23 and 30, and May 28. Please join us, we look forward to working together to do God's work with many hands.

Thank you to all who donate materials to make this mission possible.

"Handmade with love."



ATTENTION GRADUATES!!!!

Are You, your Child, or Grandchild graduating in May or June? We want them on our Graduation Board!

Pictures and information for the board are being accepted until **May 20** (if you want your picture and info in the June-July Newscaster), and the information needed is the name (First, Middle, Last) of the graduate, parents' or grandparents' (ONLY) names, name of school, school colors, degree earned and future plans. Please submit wallet-sized pictures or email to kweers10@gmail.com. Thanks!!!

LENTEN SERVICE SERIES 2019



Above, Pastor Mark leads our Ash Wednesday service.

Below, the imposition of Ashes



Ash
Wednesday
Service

This year, Lenten Services at St. Paul were "round robin" with a different pastor from our cluster preaching each week. Each week during Lent, a meal was served before the worship service and was provided by the council, WELCA, and several generous volunteers from our congregation. They were assisted by our Confirmation students.

The pastors from our cluster that participated in our "round robin" were Pr. Chuch Bentjen, from First Lutheran in Wilber, Pr. Heather Brown of Christ Lutheran in Pickrell and Pr. Nathan Metzger from American Lutheran in Adams.

THANK YOU to our guest pastors and all that provided the delicious food before Lenten services.



Above, Pr. Bentjen.
Below, Pr. Brown



thank
you!

A BIG Thank you to our Property Committee and volunteers who came and solved our "drainage problem". Your efforts are greatly appreciated!!

We extend our Deepest Sympathy to two church families;

The family of Gene Beran, brother of Melvin Beran, passed away on March 30 and his funeral services were held on April 5 in Beatrice. He was buried at Prairie Home Cemetery by Diller.

Norman Wayne Frehrichs, brother of Carolyn Schultis, passed away on April 26. His funeral services will be held on May 4 in Wymore.

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



*In Our
Thoughts
and Prayers*

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:

*Betty and Franklin Damrow, Richard Schnuelle,
Eden Lottman and Skylar Folkers*

Holy Week at St Paul Lutheran

Holy Week services were held
Sunday, April 14 through
Easter, April 21.

Palm Sunday had children and Confirmation students waving the Palms at the beginning of the worship service.

Maundy-Thursday services had good attendance for the Seder Meal. The confirmation kids helped serve the meal and many members helped prepare the lamb, soup, charoseth and boiled eggs. The service would not be as meaningful without our volunteers! Thank You!!



Easter Sunday had beautiful Easter Lilies and the joyous message that Jesus is Alive! Donors and their designations are listed below.



Good Friday left us with a thoughtful message and a stark reminder of how Jesus died.



Our Youth served a wonderful breakfast after the Sunrise Service for all to enjoy. Thank you for a wonderful meal and time of fellowship!



A big Thank You to those in the Choir who sang at both services on Easter

Easter Lilies

Easter Lilies beautifully decorated our church sanctuary for Easter services. A BIG Thank You goes to all who provided an Easter Lily. There were a few plants left at church that have since been donated.

Easter Lilies were donated by:

Brian and Kendra K Weers, Brianna and Joely
Dean and Beth Roelfs
Larry, Susan and Lance Lawton

Irene Gibson
ReJeanna Sasse
Richard Behrends
Robbyn Roelfs and Family
Melvin and Beth.Lee Beran

In Loving Memory of Imogene Cummins and Angie Weers
In Memory of Loved Ones Past
In Memory of Parents and Brothers, John & Martha Kujath,
David Kujath and Jerry Kujath
In Loving Memory of Karl Bunting and Eleanora Bunting
In Loving Memory of the Sasse's
In Loving Memory of the Behrends
In Memory of Stan Roelfs and Carole Gold
In Memory of Our Loved Ones





On Sunday, March 31st, St. Paul's Youth again assisted with the Sunday morning worship service and coffee fellowship hour.

The greeter was Bryston Warren and Ushers were Jesse Scheele, Bryston Warren, Samantha Clifford and Jadyn Schultis. Worship Assistant was Kelsay Schlichtman. The Children's Sermon was led by Samantha Clifford, who talked about the Gospel Lesson and the Prodigal Son Parable.

First reading of Scripture was read by Mallory Denner and the Second Scripture reading by Addison Heidemann. The Gospel was read by Jadyn Schultis. Pastor Mark gave the sermon about the Prodigal Son.

The refreshments were served by Samantha Clifford, Addison Heidemann and Mallory Denner. Youth-led worship will return in the fall.



FFA Banquet celebrating a great year on April 26



Kelsay Schlichtman performing her clarinet solo at District Music Contest



School is coming to a close and our youth and confirmation students have been busy. We have VERY talented young people in our congregation!



Diller-Odell Seniors celebrating Prom on March 16



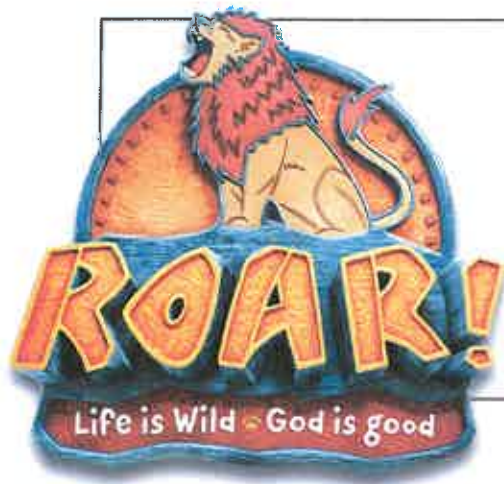
Diller-Odell Sixth Graders graduated from D.A.R.E. on April 24



The high school band performing at the District Music Contest in Fairbury on April 20



Church members in the High School Chorus performing at the District Music Contest on April 20



SAVE THE DATE!!

St. Paul Vacation Bible School will be June 3rd through 7th. Volunteers are needed- if you are interested in helping out and/or donating items for snacks, please contact Pastor Mark, Beth Roelfs, Kristen Hennerberg or Kristen Heidemann. Donated items need to be received by June 1. Thank you!!

Please Help!!

We are in **urgent** need for one more volunteer to go to Synod Assembly in Kearney on May 31 – June 1.

Two voting members are needed from the congregation in order to be represented.

Please let Pastor Mark know if you are able to attend.



The Nebraska Synod is coordinating with Lutheran Disaster Response to make recovery efforts following March's flooding and blizzards.

Individuals and congregations wanting to support the cleanup efforts can send donations to the Nebraska Synod Disaster Fund. If you give by check, please include "Nebraska Floods" in the memo line and mail it to:

Nebraska Synod ELCA
6757 Newport Avenue, Suite 200
Omaha Nebraska 68152



May Wedding Anniversaries

May 1, 1981

☛ Mr. & Mrs. Gail & Brenda Engelman

May 15, 1960

☛ Mr. & Mrs. Kenneth Landenberger

May 20, 1978

☛ Mr. & Mrs. Keith & Cindy Bartlett

May 24, 1980

☛ Mr. & Mrs. Douglas & Glenda Spilker

May 24, 1991

☛ Mr. & Mrs. Jim & Cathy Lyons

May 25, 1974

☛ Mr. & Mrs. Steve & Peggy Hemphill

May 31, 1969

☛ Mr. & Mrs. Howard & Linda Behrends



May Birthdays

2	Virginia Lottman	20	Joseph Henrichs
2	Jan Liscom	21	Christian McCown
4	John Garcia	23	Jane Pretzer
6	Eldean Banahan	24	Elizabeth Roelfs
14	Addison Heidemann	24	Radene Beran
15	Devin Garcia	24	Hayden Nutsch
15	Calvin Hennerberg	25	Norris Gold
15	Camille Hennerberg	25	Jean Schmidt
15	David Parde	27	Melvin Beran
16	Lilly Smith	29	Douglas Spilker
17	Caleb Schultis	29	Crystal Snyder
19	Dennis Nippert	29	Alexander Roelfs
19	Sheila Goldsberry	30	Chase Whitehead
		30	Spencer Schmidt



May 5 Sunday Worship Service
With Holy Communion
 Worship Assistant, *Jamie Schultis*
 Greeter, *Dennis Nippert*

May 12 Sunday Worship Service
Happy Mother's Day
 Worship Assistant, *Jim Damrow*
 Greeter, *Jim Bures*

May 19 Sunday Worship Service
 Worship Assistant, *Cheryl Denner*
 Greeter, *Dean Pretzer*

May 26 Sunday Worship Service
 Worship Assistant, *David Henrichs*
 Greeter, *Charles Barber*



June 2 Sunday Worship Service
With Holy Communion
 Worship Assistant, *Brian Weers*
 Greeter, *Jim Damrow*



Melvin Weers Bob Welsandt
 Doyle Wolken Tyler Wolken

Charles Barber Dale Beran
 Melvin Beran Scott Beran

Gary Bergmeier Jim Bures
 Chris Clifford Jim Damrow

John Denner Larry Germer
 Jarrod Heidemann Steve Hemphill

Dennis Hennerberg
 Jamie Hennerberg
 Brian Hennerberg
 David Henrichs



Kellan Schlichtman
 Myleigh Weers

David Parde
 Joely Weers

Zachary Warren
 Brennan Schultis

Cole Ebeling
 Keira Hennerberg

David Parde
 Madeline Parde



Children's
 Sermon

Pastor Mark

Sheri
 Schultis

Kristen
 Heidemann

Cheryl
 Denner

Pastor Mark



Barb Sasse
 Tara Sasse

Jane Pretzer
 Cleo Perkins

Anne Parde
 Carolyn Schultis

Beth Lee Beran
 Linda Beran

Jill Bergmeier
 Ardith Barber

May 2019



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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
 <p>MARK YOUR CALENDARS Synod Assembly is May 31 through June 1 and two voting representatives are needed. Please contact Pr. Mark if you can attend.</p>			1	 2 NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER WELCA Unit Meeting 7pm	3	4
Red Hymnal 5 Worship Service Holy Communion 9:30 AM SUNDAY SCHOOL 10:30 AM	6	7	8	9	10	 DILLER-ODELL GRADUATION
Blue Hymnal 12 Worship Service 9:30 AM Happy Mother's Day Youth Meeting 6:30 at Parsonage	Eunice Circle 1:30pm	WARREN'S COMMUNITY TABLE Youth Project	Council Meeting			18
Red Hymnal 19 Worship Service 9:30 AM	Newscaster items due	21	22	23	24	25
Blue Hymnal 26 Worship Service 9:30 AM Youth Meeting 6:30 at Parsonage	Memorial Day 	Work Day All Day	29	Ascension	31 Synod Convention at Kearney through June 1	



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