

# St. Paul Newscaster



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*Pastor Mark Liscom*

## A Sense of Humor

Sometimes in life, things just “pile up”. The weather is bad, the car breaks down, the washing machine stops working, but you can’t really address any of that because there are other things to do. At times things get so confusing that you sort of wander from this to that, unable to really get anything done because it just seems like life is out of control.

I’ve been reading through the Gospel of Mark and this is exactly the world Jesus lived in. The world he came into had massive overwhelming needs and soon the whole city was at his door, the sick and those who needed help. Then Jesus was in trouble with the religious authorities. Soon it was hard for him to even venture into town because of the commotion and craziness that would result. There’s no way that he could respond to all of that.

So what did Jesus do in the face of all of this? What could he do? Well, in response to the massive need of the world around him, he formed a band of 12 disciples. In the face of it all, you just have to laugh. What could Jesus and a band of 12 do in the face of this overwhelming “pile” of problems that they were presented with? It looked ridiculous.

But guess what? It worked....somehow. When things “pile up” maybe that’s a good thing to remember. Take a deep breath and just do what you can do. One day at a time. One thing at a time. You’re always up against overwhelming odds.....but it doesn’t have to ruin your life.

Jesus and his little band of 12 changed the world. One has to laugh because in the face of tremendous need, it just didn’t seem like it would ever work. Guess they had some help yes?

Keep believing,  
*Pastor Mark*

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In honor of our family's fall birthdays  
and

Virginia L. Lottman

In honor of my anniversary

**Thank You so much for your Sponsorship!**



*The 2019 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!*



***SHARE THE JOY! SHARE THE STORY!***

The 2018 Christmas Program will have a different look this year. The program will have a cast of all ages. The planning committee is inviting YOU to consider being part of the fun. Instead of the traditional ALL CHILDREN'S cast we are inviting you to JOIN THE CHILDREN in sharing the message of Christ's birth. There will be speaking/reading parts, singing, costuming jobs, set crew, musicians, and sound/technical. None of it will be hard or time consuming. You can help with one small part and be finished OR participate in the entire playlet. You decide. What a joyful experience! And, we want you to join in. If you are interested or have questions, speak to Kristen, Kristen, or Beth.

## St. Paul Lutheran Church Council Minutes for September 19, 2018

Pastor Mark opened with a devotional video on "The Me...I Want to Be." Members present were Melvin Beran, David Henrichs, Cindy Lottman, Allen Roelfs, Jean Schmidt, and Jamie Schultis. Minutes from the August meeting were reviewed. Jamie moved to accept the minutes, and Cindy seconded. Motion passed.

### TREASURER'S REPORT

Allen reported that the current balance is \$1,546.52. The current bills will be paid by the end of the month, except for Pastor's salary which will be paid soon. Portico will be pro-rated because of the change of insurance (removing family members from pastor's coverage). The Diller Picnic funds have not yet been received. Council agreed the congregation needs to be made aware of the financial situation. Jean moved to accept, and Melvin seconded. Motion passed.

### MEMORIAL TREASURER'S REPORT

Jamie reported that the current balance is \$13,310.74, including the month's interest. No financial activity for the month. The memorial committee met. A letter has been sent, to families that have memorial money, with suggestions for new memorials. Allen moved to accept, and Jean seconded. Motion passed.

### PASTOR'S REPORT

4 worship services, 3 confirmation classes, 1 confirmation service project, 2 youth meetings, 1 meeting with the bishop and assistant, 5 home communions, 1 hospital call, 1 wedding and rehearsal, 1 cluster meeting, 1 women's group bible study, 3 adult education classes, 2 pre-baptism meetings and baptisms, 3 other calls. 150 mileage.

- Pastor Mark is planning an All Saints Day service for November 4, 2018, with memorial dedications.
- Pastor Mark is planning a Mission Festival service.
- Pastor Mark reported that confirmation and youth group meetings/projects have begun and are going well.

### COMMITTEE REPORT

- Transformational--committee met and will meet again on Sunday, September 23, 2018. Discussions have been good.

### OLD BUSINESS

- Pastor Mark has not contacted individuals about becoming new members or assistant ministers.
- Sunday School kickoff & picnic with outdoor service was well attended and enjoyed by congregation members.

### NEW BUSINESS

- Council discussed health insurance for Pastor Mark. Family members have been removed from pastor's coverage and the upcoming bill(s) will be pro-rated to show only pastor's insurance.
- Council discussed the dates Bishop Maas would like to meet with congregation about the listening process findings. The council decided on Monday, September 24, 2018.
- Pastor Mark would like to take the week of October 22-26, 2018, off for vacation, as well as one of the Sundays.

The next council meeting will be on Wednesday, October 17, 2018, at 6:00 p.m. The meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer. Allen made a motion to adjourn, and Jamie seconded. Motion passed.

*Jean Schmidt, Council Secretary*

<b>TREASURER'S REPORT</b>			
<b>General Fund Balance as of 9/27/2018</b>		<b>\$ 1,518.24</b>	
Bills Due by end of September:		Stanton Propane	<u>\$1,178.10</u>
		Total	\$ 1,178.10
<b>August/September</b>			
<i>Last Month: August</i>		<i>Current Month: September</i>	
Current	\$ 6,585.00	Current	\$ 9,499.96
Benevolence	310.00	Benevolence	711.10
World Hunger	75.00	World Hunger	796.86
Specials	<u>0.00</u>	Specials	<u>506.86</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 6,970.00</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 11,214.78</b>
 <b>We need <span style="color: red;">\$12,307.87</span> in <span style="color: red;">CURRENT</span> per month to meet the 2017 budget.</b>			
 <i>Note: Church food stand proceeds of \$2,359.28 were deposited in September. Per annual meeting vote, 60% was designated Current, 20% was designated World Hunger and 20% will be given to Blue Valley.</i>			



**SPECIAL MEETING OF ST. PAUL  
LUTHERAN CHURCH  
ON SEPTEMBER 24, 2018**

A meeting open to council and congregation members was held on Monday, September 24, 2018, at 7:00 p.m. Bishop Brian Maas, NE Synod, ELCA, and Megan Morrow, Assistant to the Bishop, attended and presented the findings to the listening process from August, 2018. David Henrichs welcomed those present. Pastor Mark Liscom opened with a prayer. Bishop Brian Maas and Megan read the conclusions and recommendations with a closing on the responses from the congregation at the listening process. A time for questions followed. Bishop Maas closed the meeting with a prayer.

*~ Jean Schmidt, Council Secretary*

**Special  
Congregational  
Meeting**



**Women's  
Bible Study**



**Eunice Circle**

Eunice Circle met on September 10, 2018 at 1:30pm. Kay Taylor was our Bible Study leader. "Turn, Turn, Turn: A Time for Faithful Repentance. Turning to God. Time after time. What does it mean to repent? Why is repentance important in the life of Christian faith?"

Our focus verse from Joel 2:13b. Bible study texts from Matthew 3:1-17, Mark 1:1-14, Joel 2:12-17, Psalm 51 and Psalm 139:1-3 and 7-8, Acts 2:38-39 and 41-42, Acts 9:1-23 and Romans 7:14-25.

We opened with prayer and Hymn, "Just As I Am, Without One Plea." We closed with a prayer and Hymn, "Softly and Tenderly, Jesus Is Calling," and The Lord's Prayer.

Norma called the meeting to order. Minutes were read and approved. Six (6) members answered roll call. Our offering was \$17.00.

Old Business: We finalized our program for WELCA meeting on Wednesday, August 29<sup>th</sup>. Discussed progress of projects. Work Day is August 28<sup>th</sup>.

New Business: Spoke about our progress with projects. Work Day is September 25<sup>th</sup>.

After Grace, Cleo Perkins served refreshments.

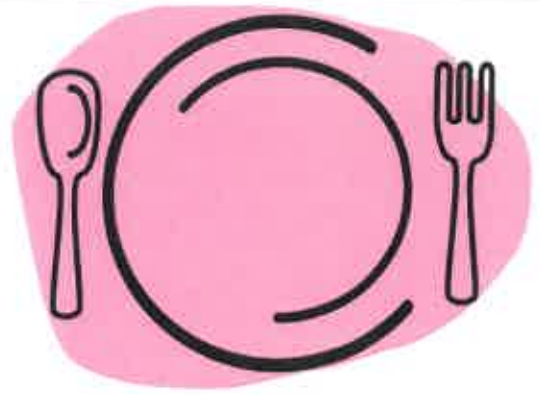
Next Eunice Circle will be October 8, 2018 at 1:30pm, October book. Norma Banahan will be study leader.

*~ Irene Gibson, Recorder*

## Warren's Community Table

On September 11, St. Paul's Youth Group served Warren's Community Table at Christ Church Episcopal in Beatrice. Jeanette Bures prepared the meal and it was served by our youth

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 to this worthy mission.



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 30<sup>th</sup>.

Greeters were Mallory Denner and Brianna Weers. The Worship Assistant was Kelsay Schlichtman and the Children's Sermon was led by Hannah Ebeling with Brianna Weers assisting about salt and it's place in history and some of the meanings. We all know what we usually use it for - to make food taste better, but there are many other uses, in fact, more than 14,000. For example, a dyed T-shirt was shown, as salt is used to "fix the dye" in fabrics; a leather belt was shown, as salt is an important part of the process of making leather; and a plastic toy was shown, as salt is a critical part of making plastic. In the past, salt was so valuable that people would be paid with it. In fact, Jesus recognized the importance of salt when he said we were to be like salt to the world. The closing prayer said we should flavor the world like salt with love.

The first scripture was read by Bryston Warren and the second was read by Esdon Weers. The Gospel was read by Jesse Scheele. Ushers were Bryston Warren, Jesse Scheele, Esdon Weers and Mallory Denner. The refreshments were served by Skylar Pretzer, Neleigh Weers and Samantha Clifford.



For a service project, our Confirmation students went to play Bingo with residents of Heritage Care Center in Fairbury on September 12. Residents enjoyed spending time with the youth and received prizes when they had a Bingo.



The kids also enjoyed some ice cream afterwards for a special treat.



On September 16, 2018, we had a very nice fall day for Worship in the Park and Sunday School Kickoff and meal.

Our opening Hymn was "This Is My Father's World," and the Children's Sermon was given by Sheri Schultis and Pastor Liscom's Message was about "Jesus Loves the Little Children" and the gap between what we are taught is true vs. how we actually live. We receive unconditional love and acceptance at our baptism, but as we grow, we equate love with a feeling or desire, which is NOT what love is. We judge on how something makes us FEEL, but love is effort to make what is best for another, NOT what we want; love is to share experiences with another; knowledge in context of faith is RELATIONSHIP; connecting, interacting, relationship is the unconditional love that we always receive from God.

The Hymn of the day was "Beautiful Savior" and Jady Schultis provided the special music during the offering. Our closing Hymn was "Blest Be the Tie That Binds."

Games for the kids were held in the park immediately after worship with fun kids Christian music playing in the background provided by Dennis Schmidt. The games were led by the Christian Education Committee Chair Kristen Hennerberg and assisted by Confirmation and Youth students while the Family Night Committee set up the meal that was held at the Diller Picnic Foodstand grounds. We all enjoyed the delicious food and fellowship. 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



**Pictures from the Worship Service**



**The children having fun with the games**



**— After Grace by Pastor Mark, many enjoyed a meal and fellowship**



*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, Betty and Franklin Damrow, Richard Schnuelle, Ardyce Wiemers, Dylan Nippert, Eden Lottman and Skylar Folkers.*

## Baptisms at St. Paul

*There have been many baptisms at St. Paul during the month of September.*

The first baptism was on Sunday, September 2. We welcomed into God's family Alexander Eugene Roelfs, son of Josh and Kalli Roelfs and grandson of Jody and the late Neal Roelfs. Sponsors for Alexander were Kyle Asher, Erin Asher and Isaac Roelfs.



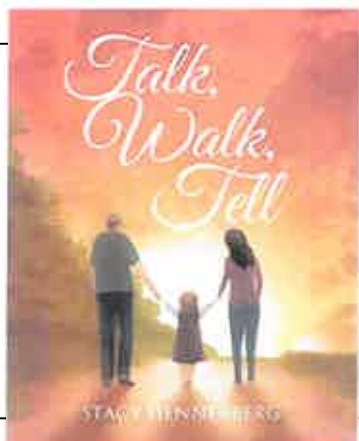
The second baptism took place on Sunday, September 9 where we welcomed Kashtyn Dale Sasse, son of Karter and Tara Sasse and grandson of Kevin and Barb Sasse.

Kashtyn's sponsors were Riley and Sonia Sasse.

Lilly Marie Smith, daughter of Jesse and Shelly Smith, was baptized on Sunday, September 23. She is the granddaughter of Doug and Cindy Lottman and the great-granddaughter of Virginia Lottman.

Sponsors for Lilly were Shawn Lottman and Allison Smith.

*We welcome all of you into our Church Family and the Family of God.*



Talk, Walk, Tell is a new book written by Stacy (Schroeder) Hennerberg, third grade teacher at Diller-Odell elementary. It is a story about loving parents who want to empower their daughter to use her voice to stand up for herself and others, to walk away from a situation that is hurtful or dangerous, to know when and where to seek help, and, most importantly, to know that God loves her dearly no matter what.

Copies of the book are available for purchase from Beth Roelfs for \$11. It is also available on Amazon, Barnes and Noble, Jet.com and Wordery.



The Diller-Odell Homecoming game vs. the Pawnee City Indians on September 21 was an exciting one and capped off a fun week of spirit activities. The team played well together and won in a shutout. Homecoming royalty included a member of our church. Bryston Warren, son of Jennifer Warren, was crowned King. Queen was Kirsten Bures of Odell. Congratulations to Bryston and the football team. Congratulations also to the volleyball and softball teams who have won some tournaments and invitationals and several games/matches. Our communities are proud of all our student athletes!

~ Contributed by Brianna Weers



The Pride of the Griffins marching band marched proudly and earned a lot of applause performing at the Nebraska State Fair in Grand Island on Wednesday, August 29. Many of our youth are involved with this iconic part of High School.

*Great job, Griffins!!*



## HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

### October Wedding Anniversaries

October 2, 2004  
 ♡ Mr. & Mrs. Shawn & Jill Lottman

October 10, 1998  
 ♡ Mr. & Mrs. Chris & Stacy Schlichtman



### 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
- 14 Ray Landenberger
- 14 Jonathan Schmidt
- 15 Zachary Warren
- 15 Tynleigh Sasse
- 16 Kendra K Weers
- 17 David Duis
- 17 Kenneth Thomsen
- 18 Phyllis Wiemers

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





**October 7 Sunday Worship Service**  
**With Holy Communion**  
 Worship Assistant, David Henrichs  
 Greeter, Jim Bures

**October 14 Sunday Worship Service**  
 Worship Assistant, Brian Weers  
 Greeter, Charles Barber

**October 21 Sunday Worship Service**  
 Worship Assistant, Kendra K. Weers  
 Greeter, Jim Damrow

**October 28 Sunday Worship Service**  
 Worship Assistant, Youth Group  
 Greeter, Youth Group



**November 4 Sunday Worship Service**  
**With Holy Communion**  
 Worship Assistant, Jim Damrow  
 Greeter, Dennis Nippert



Kevin Sasse    Karter Sasse  
 Riley Sasse    Brian Weers

Melvin Weers    Bob Welsandt  
 Doyle Wolken    Tyler Wolken

Charles Barber    Dale Beran  
 Melvin Beran    Scott Beran

Youth Group

Gary Bergmeier    Jim Bures  
 Chris Clifford



Xavier Jones  
 Keira Hennerberg

Kellan Schlichtman  
 Joely Weers

Spencer Weers  
 Myleigh Weers

David Parde  
 Madeline Parde

Karli Heidemann  
 Brennan Schultis



Children's  
 Sermon

Pastor Mark

Kristen  
 Heidemann

Cheryl  
 Denner

Youth Group

Pastor Mark



Jan Gold  
 Radene Beran

Judy Landenberger  
 Toni Landenberger

Susan Lawton  
 Betty Lawrence

Jeanette Bures  
 Jody Helton

Kendra S. Weers  
 Diane Welsandt

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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
<p>Please check the weekly bulletin at the church or the website for updates in the calendar/schedule as many events were not available at press time.</p>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> Confirmation Parents' Night 7:00pm	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>
<p>Red Hymnal <b>7</b> Worship Service First Communion 9:30 AM  SUNDAY SCHOOL 10:30 AM</p>	<b>8</b> Eunice Circle 1:30pm	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> Confirmation Service Project 7:00pm	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>
<p>Blue Hymnal <b>14</b> Worship Service 9:30 AM SUNDAY SCHOOL 10:30 AM</p>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> Council Meeting 7:00pm	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>
<p>Red Hymnal <b>21</b> Worship Service 9:30 AM SUNDAY SCHOOL 10:30 AM</p>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> CONFIRMATION 6 <sup>th</sup> Grade 4pm 7 <sup>th</sup> -8 <sup>th</sup> Grade 7pm	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>
<p>Blue Hymnal <b>28</b> Reformation Sunday Youth-Led Worship Service 9:30 AM SUNDAY SCHOOL 10:30 AM Youth Meeting 6:30 @ Parsonage <i>Newscaster items due</i></p>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> <i>Work Day</i> All Day	<b>31</b> Reformation 			



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