

St. Paul Newscaster



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What Is Transformational Ministry?

Maybe you have heard some talk about the “Transformational Ministry” Committee and some of the work that’s been happening there. Recently we merged this committee with the Mutual Ministry Committee so we have 8 members or so.

What’s all this about? I’ll give two major themes here that we’re working on.

1. **Membership to Discipleship.** The cultural drift of mainline churches has been toward getting people to become “members” and getting them to “come to church”. Transformational ministry has as its focus inviting people to become disciples of Jesus Christ. The invitation is to grow in his presence and awareness of his work in our individual lives and the life of our church.
2. **Behavior modification to character transformation.** The cultural model of getting people to modify their behavior is through rewards and punishments. You work from the outside. People do the right thing because while they may not want to, they know they “ought” to. Transformational ministry is change from the inside out. You don’t try to change the behavior, you change the person. It’s heart change. That’s where God is found and works.

Make sense? It’s actually a fairly big change in focus. I’m beginning to work on it in my preaching and the committee has been doing pretty solid work in opening up to new possibilities. I’m excited at the potential for healthy change this year.

Blessings,
Pastor Mark

NEWS LETTER

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*Please consider sponsoring a Newscaster to continue providing this communication tool
to the members of the congregation.*

Sweetheart Supper

**Take your sweetheart out for a lovely evening
Brought to you by our Youth
On Sunday, February 11**

\$20 per couple

Seating times are 5:30, 6:30 and 7:30pm

Contact a member of our Youth for a reservation



St. Paul Lutheran Church Council Minutes for January 17, 2018

Pastor Mark opened the meeting with a "Parable of the Talents" and a discussion on the parable. Members present were Charles Barber, Marcy Barber, David Henrichs, Allen Roelfs, and Jean Schmidt. Cindy Lottman was absent. Minutes from the December meeting were reviewed. David moved to accept the minutes, and Allen seconded. Motion passed.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Marcy reported that the current balance is \$2,828.15. The Portico for December and January still needs to be paid. There is a propane bill to pay, and the organists need to be paid. Jean moved to accept, and Charles seconded. Motion passed.

MEMORIAL TREASURER'S REPORT

Allen reported that the current balance is \$13,292.89, including last month's interest. A report for the Mutual Fund shows growth last year. The balance increased \$2,023.33. Marcy moved to accept, and Jean seconded. Motion passed.

PASTOR'S REPORT

4 worship services, 1 Christmas Eve Service, 1 Christmas Day Service, 1 youth progressive supper, 5 calls, 2 home communions, 2 text study meetings, 1 Bishop election meeting, and 1 confirmation meeting. No mileage. Pastor Mark was gone one week to attend his father-in-law's funeral.

- Pastor Mark plans to attend the meeting in Beatrice to nominate individual(s) for Bishop and the election to be held.
- Ash Wednesday is February 14. Pastor Mark plans to be a part of the round-robin series during Lent. There will be visiting pastors for our Lenten services. Pastor Mark would like confirmation students to attend. And Pastor Mark suggested having a light meal before services.
- Pastor Mark is going to start a new focus during sermons, "Invite to Discipleship, Not Membership--Transformation".

COMMITTEE REPORT

- Christian Education--Sunday School is trying a new program and is enjoying it.
- Mutual Ministry--is working with Transformational Ministry and will become a part of the committee.
- Nominating--is working on ballot nominees for upcoming annual meeting.

OLD BUSINESS


- Allen completed the paperwork to continuance of the permit for the church sign along Highway 8.

NEW BUSINESS

- There is an old safe in the copy room. Council discussed opening it to see what is inside. Before hiring a locksmith, council will ask congregation if anyone knows how to open it.
- Council discussed the ballot for the upcoming annual meeting. There are no nominations for council. Nominations will come from the floor. Council will again propose to operate the Diller Picnic Foodstand with 60% of the proceeds going to the general fund, and the remaining proceeds going to 2 of 3: Benevolence, Blue Valley, or World Hunger.
- Council discussed Pastor Mark's suggestion to have a light meal before Lenten services. Council agreed to serve the first meal on February 21 and ask for other groups to volunteer to serve meals too.

The next council meeting will be on Sunday, February 18, 2018, following church services. The meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer. Jean made a motion to adjourn, and Marcy seconded. Motion passed.

- Jean Schmidt, Council Secretary

TREASURER'S REPORT					
General Fund Balance as of 1/15/2018			\$ 2,828.15		
Bills Due by end of January	Dec. Portico	\$ 3,893.20	Jan. Portico	\$3,893.20	
	Organists	950.00	Propane	885.00	
			Total Due:	\$ 9,621.40	
December/January					
<i>Last Month: December</i>			<i>Current Month: January</i>		
Current	\$ 14,496.16		Current	\$ 2,756.20	
Benevolence	1,624.04		Benevolence	382.80	
World Hunger	75.00		World Hunger	0.00	
Specials	218.00		Specials	0.00	
TOTAL	\$ 16,413.20		TOTAL	\$ 3,139.00	
We need \$12,307.87 in CURRENT per month to meet the 2018 budget.					

Minutes for the Annual Meeting of St. Paul Lutheran Church, ELCA, January 21, 2018

The 2018 Annual Meeting was called to order by council president Charles Barber. There were 33 members present. Pastor Mark opened the meeting with prayer. Minutes from the 2017 meeting were read and reviewed. Pastor Mark made an amendment to the section about salary: not really a requirement, but a recommendation when referring to his salary. David Henrichs moved to amend the minutes, and Dennis Schmidt seconded. Jamie Schultis moved to accept the amended minutes, and Stacy Schlichtman seconded. Motion passed.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE AND BALLOT REPORT

- Charles Barber presented the church council ballot. There were no nominations for the council. Charles stated that nominations would come from the floor. David Henrichs discussed what council does and serving on the council. Nominations opened. Jamie Schultis and Melvin Beran volunteered to serve on council. Allen Roelfs moved to accept the council ballot, and Dennis Hennerberg seconded. Motion passed.
- Charles Barber presented the nominating committee ballot. David Henrichs and Jean Schmidt, council representatives, will be members. Nominations and volunteers placed on the ballot were Marcy Barber, Jim Damrow, Deb Nippert, and Stacy Schlichtman. Franklin Damrow moved to accept the nominating committee ballot, and Dennis Nippert seconded. Motion passed.
- Marcy Barber explained the Diller Picnic Food Stand ballot. If operating the food stand, 60% of proceeds will go to the general fund. The remaining 40% will be divided between 2 of 3: Benevolence (20%), Blue Valley (20%), or World Hunger (20%).
- Marcy Barber explained the budget ballot. Pastor Mark's salary will increase. The increase is in line with the recommendations of the Synod. David Henrichs stated the council had checked around for alternative insurance options. At this time, no better choice was found. Marcy Barber explained the breakdown of Pastor Mark's benefits.
- Stacy Schlichtman moved to approve the voting ballot, and Deb Nippert seconded. Motion passed.

PASTOR'S REPORT

- Transformational Ministry is a new concept for St. Paul Church. Pastor Mark feels it is important for our church and congregation. A Transformational Ministry Committee and the Mutual Ministry Committee have been working on this "discipline" and "where it will take us."
- Our programs continue to be involved in activities. These groups include: youth group, confirmation students, Sunday School, and Adult Education.
- The list goes on and on... and Pastor Mark says "Thank You" to everyone who, in any way, helps make our church, programs, and congregation work!

VOTING RESULTS

- Elected to church council were Melvin Beran and Jamie Schultis.
- Elected to nominating committee were Marcy Barber, Jim Damrow, Deb Nippert, and Stacy Schlichtman.
- If asked to operate the Diller Picnic Food Stand: yes--31; no--1
 - Funds from the Diller Picnic Food Stand would go to 60%--general fund; 20%--Blue Valley; 20%--World Hunger
- Proposed Budget: yes, 31; no--1

AUDITOR'S REPORT

- Tim Scheele, Dean Pretzer, and Stacy Schlichtman were the 2017 auditors. The auditors found the books to be in order.

Charles Barber stated the annual meeting report includes committee summaries and encouraged everyone to read through the report.

Charles Barber discussed the safe in the copy room. The safe has not been opened for a long time. It would be good to see what is inside. We need to find someone that knows how to open the safe or get a locksmith to open it.

Kendra K. Weers stated that there are still open sponsorships for the newscaster in 2018.

Pastor Mark stated that he did not have any funerals at St. Paul, Kaye Schlake and Howard Perkins had passed away during 2017.

Many congregation members are owed a lot of thanks for everything that gets done for our church. Without all the volunteers and contributions, projects would not get completed. A big thank you to everyone!!

Pastor Mark offered prayer for himself and his family as well as for members of the congregation and their families.

Franklin Damrow made a motion to adjourn, and Jamie Schultis seconded. Motion passed. Pastor Mark closed with prayer.



St. Paul Women of the ELCA News

February Unit Meeting of the St. Paul WELCA
Thursday February, 22, 2018
1:00pm

Discussion will include our 2018 Activities.

The Executive Board includes President, Linda Beran
Vice President, Ardith Barber; Secretary, Robbyn Roelfs
Treasurer, Jeanette Bures

All women of the church welcome to come.
Please bring a couple of favorite Bible Verses to share.

Work Day

With two women working we tied four quilts at our January 23 Work Day. More materials were donated, but we are still in need of fabrics to be used as fillers for warmth such as: bedspreads, drapes, tablecloths, mattress pads, sheet blankets, and blankets of all kinds.

Thank you to those who donated items for this worthwhile project. We meet again January 30 and February 7. Any help is appreciated!



Several of our congregational members have been in or currently are in the hospital recently.

*Betty Damrow had a setback and is back in rehab care.
Melvin Beran had surgery and is recovering at home.*

Please remember them in your prayers as they recover and heal.

Please also 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 Damrow, Richard Schnuelle, Dylan Nippert,
Eden Lottman, Mallory Helton and Skylar Folkers.*



St. Paul's Youth have had a busy month. On January 28th, St. Paul's Youth again assisted with the Sunday morning worship service and coffee fellowship hour.

Greeter was Mallory Helton and Ushers were Hayley Denner, Brianna Weers, Christopher Schmidt and Mallory Helton. Worship Assistant was Neleigh Weers. The Children's Sermon was led by Hannah Ebeling, who talked about how a TV Universal Remote gives you total control over the TV and anything connected to it. Jesus was the "Universal Remote" for faith – "...He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey him." – Mark 1:27. It reminds us that God's plan works if we let Jesus be in control.

First reading of Scripture was read by Bryston Warren and the Second Scripture was read by Jesse Scheele. The Gospel was read by Christopher Schmidt.

The refreshments were served by Hannah Ebeling and Bryston Warren.



The evening of January 14th, twenty-one Youth attended a progressive dinner. They started at the Church for appetizers hosted by Kendra K Weers, moved to Jarrod and Kristen Heidemann's home for tacos, then Jamie and Sheri Schultis's home for beef and chicken enchiladas. They ended up at the Parsonage for desserts provided by Jody Helton. It was a fun evening of food and fellowship. They also had their monthly meeting in the evening of January 28th at the Parsonage.

Sweetheart Supper will be on Sunday, February 11 at the Church for \$20 per couple and there are seating times available at 5:30, 6:30 and 7:30. Please contact Jill Scheele or a Youth member after worship services.



► Join us for "prayer and pancakes" after worship on Sunday, February 18 at the parsonage.

► Confirmation during Lent will be the Lenten Worship Services which will be a Round-Robin series with neighboring pastors providing the message for most services. Pastor Mark will lead our first and last Lenten Services.

If you have pictures and/or information about Confirmation students/activities, PLEASE email them to Kendra K Weers.

To keep up with changes in the schedule and what may be coming up, please see the church website, www.stpauldiller.com. You can also find updated acolyte and class schedules and "homework".

Confirmation Class





LENT

Worship Series

Lent will begin on Ash Wednesday, February 15 and services will be held at 7:30pm. This year, Lenten Services at St. Paul will be "Round Robin" with a different pastor from our cluster preaching every week. We would also like to have some kind of small "soup supper" kind of thing before services. The Church Council has agreed to do the first one, but we are looking for other people who could work together for the ones to follow. If you can help with this, please talk to Pastor Mark or a Council member as soon as possible. Thanks!

We would love for you to be a part of this fellowship. Please join us!



Diller Community Foundation Fund
Together We Are Ensuring The Future!

On Sunday, January 21 following worship and the Annual Meeting, The Diller Community Foundation Fund held their granting ceremony after a delicious spaghetti dinner.

Our Congregation received a wonderful Grant from the Foundation for \$250 that will go towards the VBS program for whatever is needed. Thank you to the Foundation and all the donors!

Pastor Mark accepts the \$250 grant from the Diller Community Foundation Fund at their annual Granting Ceremony

Volunteers Needed



We Need You!!

We are in **urgent** need for two volunteers to go to Synod Assembly in Kearney on May 31 - June 2 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 if you are able to help.

Congratulations, Pioneer Conference Honor Band!!



On Monday, January 15, twelve members of the Diller-Odell Band were selected for and participated in the Pioneer Conference Honor Band at Lewiston Consolidated High School and performed four selections under the direction of Dr. Christopher Unger, director of the band at Augustana University.

Youth from our church that were selected were Kelsay Schlichtman, Neleigh Weers and Brianna Weers. Schools that were represented were Diller-Odell, Friend, Lewiston, Pawnee City, Southern and Tri-County with a total of 82 students. Practicing only that day together, it was a wonderful concert.

Thank You!!

In January, donated coats were delivered to Blue Valley Community Action in Fairbury. There were Five children's coats and 33 adult coats/jackets that were collected.

Thank you so much for your donations... it truly does take a village.



happy anniversary

February 14, 1965

☛ Mr. & Mrs. Dean & Sharon Lottman

February 18, 1984

☛ Mr. & Mrs. Kevin & Barb Sasse

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| 4 | Leyton Speth | 16 | Hayley Jones |
| 4 | Addison Stein | 17 | Charles Whitehead |
| 5 | Rick Garton | 17 | Chris Schlichtman |
| 5 | Kristin Heidemann | 18 | Shawn Weers |
| 6 | Margery Keefover | 18 | Elliot Sasse |
| 6 | Keira Hennerberg | 19 | Ardith Barber |
| 8 | Tara Sasse | 20 | Toni Landenberger |
| 9 | Creyton Heidemann | 21 | Ezekial Jones |
| 10 | Joel Holtmeier | 23 | Irene Pretzer |
| 10 | Tybor Smith | 23 | Shyla Goldsberry |
| 11 | Joyce Lahodny | 24 | Brandy Dial |
| 11 | Tanner Parde | 24 | Blair Whitehead |
| 12 | Jill Bergmeier | 25 | Jerry Holtmeier |
| 14 | Steve Hemphill | 27 | Chris Clifford |
| 16 | Matt Wiegand | 28 | Jeanette Banahan |



February 4 Sunday Worship Service
With Holy Communion
 Worship Assistant, Kendra K. Weers
 Greeter, Franklin Damrow

February 11 Sunday Worship Service
 Worship Assistant, Sherry Henrichs
 Greeter, Dennis Nippert

February 14 Ash Wednesday Service
 Greeter, Jim Bures

February 18 Sunday Worship Service
 Worship Assistant, Brian Weers
 Greeter, Dean Pretzer

February 21 Lenten Service
 Greeter, Charles Barber

February 25 Sunday Worship Service
Youth Sunday
 Worship Assistant, Youth Group
 Greeter, Youth Group

February 28 Lenten Service
 Greeter, Jim Damrow



March 4 Sunday Worship Service
With Holy Communion
 Worship Assistant, Diane Wellsandt
 Greeter, Don Meyer

March 7 Lenten Service
 Greeter, Dennis Nippert



Doug Lottman Don Meyer
 Dennis Nippert Dean Pretzer

Allen Roelfs Adam Roelfs
 Dean Roelfs B. J. Stein

Russell Schultis Tim Scheele
 Jesse Scheele Cody Scheele

Youth Group

Doug Schmidt Spencer Schmidt
 Jonathan Schmidt
 Christopher Schmidt



Mallory Denner
 Spencer Weers

Karli Heidemann
 David Parde

Ezekiel Jones
 Cole Ebeling

Spencer Weers
 Kellan Schlichtman

Xavier Jones
 Zachary Warren



Children's
Sermon

Pastor Mark

Jeanette
 Bures

Sheri
 Schultis

Youth Group

Pastor Mark



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

Norma Banahan
 Deb Nippert

Marlene Wolken
 Cheryl Denner

Jeanette Hennerberg
 Kristen Hennerberg

Donna Damrow
 Julie Schmidt

Leatha Christ
 Sondra Germer

February 2018



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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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4 <i>Red Hymnal</i> Worship Service 9:30 AM Holy Communion SUNDAY SCHOOL 10:30 AM Transformational Ministry Committee Meeting Following Worship	5 <i>Eunice</i> <i>Circle</i> 1:30pm	6	7 Confirmation Parents' Night 7:00-8:30pm	8	9	10
11 <i>Blue Hymnal</i> Worship Service 9:30 AM TRANSFIGURATION SUNDAY SUNDAY SCHOOL 10:30 AM  Sweetheart Supper 5:30 - 8:30pm	12	13	14  Valentine's Day Ash Wednesday Service 7:30 pm 	15	16	17
18 <i>Red Hymnal</i> Worship Service 9:30 AM SUNDAY SCHOOL 10:30 AM Confirmation Prayers & Pancakes after worship Council Meeting After Worship	19 PRESIDENTS DAY 	20	21 Lenten Service & Confirmation 7:30PM	22	23	24
25 <i>Blue Hymnal</i> Youth-Led Worship Service 9:30 AM SUNDAY SCHOOL 10:30 AM Newscaster items due Youth Meeting 6:30 at Parsonage	26	27 Work Day All Day	28 Lenten Service & Confirmation 7:30PM			



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