

St. Paul Newscaster



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Our Mission

*To open our hearts and doors to share God's promise by transforming lives
through our commitment and discipleship to Jesus Christ.*

November 2025
Pastor Mark Liscom

God's Word and The Bible

Sometimes I think there is some confusion surrounding what we mean by God's Word. I think often the primary meaning that comes to mind is the Bible.

But please read this passage of Scripture, to get what "God's Word" says about God's Word.

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being through him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it. (John 1:1-5)

The same understanding comes from our Lutheran Confessions.

Our churches teach that the Word—that is, the Son of God—took on man's nature in the womb of the blessed Virgin Mary. (The Augsburg Confession, Articles of Faith and Doctrine, Part III.)

God's Word here is what? Jesus. So, it's very important to work at training our minds that when we use the term God's Word, that the primary meaning that comes to mind is Jesus the Christ, and who He is. Jesus Christ is the Word of God. The Bible is the Word of God as it reveals him.

Pastor Mark

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and

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in Loving Memory of Eldean and Jeanette Banahan

Thank You for sponsoring this Newscaster in Memory of your Loved Ones.

Sponsors for 2025 have been fulfilled, we thank you!

There is a bright green sign-up sheet on the announcements bulletin board in the back of the Narthex for 2026, and remember, postage has increased, so sponsorship is now \$40/sponsor.

Please consider sponsoring this important communication tool for our congregation.

NOVEMBER WELCA ACTIVITIES



November 23, 2025 (Sunday)
ThankOffering Service during the
Morning Worship Hour



Women of the ELCA Thank Offering Service

St. Paul Women of the ELCA will conduct their annual Thank Offering service during the morning worship hour on Sunday, November 23. ThankOfferings are given to support the life-changing ministries of Women of the ELCA.

Together, we do more than we could ever do apart.

November 30, 2025 (Sunday)
Hanging of the Greens during
Morning Worship Hour
Advent Begins



St. Paul Lutheran Church Council Minutes for October 15, 2025

Council members present were Doug Schmidt, Gary Bergmeier, Charlie Barber, Allen Roelfs, Scott Pretzer and Brian Weers. "God Sightings" were shared and Gary offered an opening prayer, as Pastor Mark was not present due to Confirmation activity. The minutes from the previous meeting were reviewed. Scott moved to accept the minutes and Gary seconded. The minutes were approved.

Treasurer's Report

Allen Roelfs reported that this report doesn't show last Sunday, so we have \$750 more than shown in the report. Thanks to the church for the giving this month. The Thrivent bill for Pastor's retirement is not in, and the new parsonage furnace bill has not yet been received either. We plan to use endowment money for this replacement. Mission Share is a little behind in our obligation. Gary moved to accept the report and Charlie seconded. Motion passed.

Memorial Treasurer's Report

The account balance is the same at \$27,062.52. Thrivent balance is at \$13,307.12. It was moved and seconded to accept the report. Motion passed.

Pastor's Report

No report.

Vice Chairman's Report

Nothing new to report. Pastor Mark is at MOSAIC tonight with the Confirmation students.

Committee Reports

Worship and Music – No report.

Christian Education – No report.

Food Stand – No report.

Property – The new furnace at the parsonage is working, and is quieter than the old one. Have a new slab for the outer unit at the parsonage.

Communication and Outreach – Had a meeting tonight, Trunk or Treat has been finalized. It will take place on Sunday, October 26th, 4-6pm. On Wednesday, November 12, it will be Confirmation Family Night, and we will provide a meal for it. We may give some welcome materials to some parents for outreach.

Memorial – Included in Memorial Treasurer's Report above.

Old Business

~ Allen had an idea to use the Polish dogs left over from the Diller Picnic to do a meal on Dedication Sunday, November 2nd (All Saints Sunday) as a fundraiser for the furnace replacement, and could have congregation members bring a few items as a potluck meal.

~ New member day for the Mahrt family will also be on November 2nd.

~ Parking lot rock project discussion tabled for now.

New Business

Discussion was held on possible subjects for Council Retreat, Lay leadership, etc.

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, November 19, 2025 at 7pm, committees meet at 6:30pm. Gary moved to adjourn the meeting and Allen seconded. The meeting was adjourned and closed with The Lord's Prayer.

~ Brian Weers, Council Secretary

TREASURER'S REPORT

As of 10/14/2025



Current Balances

General Fund	\$ 5,387.51
Benevolence	\$ 379.40
Designations	\$ 3,351.48
Total	\$ 9,118.39

Operating Expenses

Available Cash	\$5,387.51
Remaining Bills	
Thrivent Retirement	\$ 100.00
Remaining Bal	\$5,287.51

Offering Summary

	August	September	October
Current	\$ 11,562.80	\$ 6,539.39	\$ 4,717.10
Benevolence	\$ 216.95	\$ 317.35	\$ 379.40
Designated Funds	\$ 65.00	\$ 25.00	\$ 40.00
Totals	\$ 11,844.75	\$ 6,881.74	\$ 5,136.50
			(partial month)

We need to receive **\$10,920.36** in CURRENT each month in order to meet our budget for 2025.

October Eunice Circle



Eunice Circle met on October 13, 2025 at 1:30pm. Norma Banahan led the Bible Study. Money is Stewardship and Generosity: When it comes to money, stewardship and generosity, The word of Christ can change our lives and world. Jesus and scripture mention money troubles and money matters surprisingly often.

Our Bible texts were from: Genesis 2:10-12; Genesis 13:1-2 and 5-7; Genesis 17:9-13 and 23-27; Exodus 25:8-13; 1 Kings 3:5-14; 1 Kings 6:19-22 and 31-32; Proverbs verses 10:4; 10:22a; 12:27; 13:4; 13:7; 13:14; 19:4-14; 22:1; 18:19; 30:8; 30:9; Amos 2:6-8; Matthew 6:19-21; 1 Corinthians 7:23; 1 Timothy 6:9-10. Focus verses from Matthew 6:19-21.

We opened with prayer and Hymn, "The Lord Is My Shepherd". We closed with prayer 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 \$27.00.

Old Business: Quilting Work Days September 23rd and 30th.

New Business: Wednesday, September 10th, Faith Formation Children filled 20 School Kit Bags. Irene filled 30 bags, total of 50 School Kit bags. Quilting Work Day October 28th. Work on quilts is progressing.

After Grace, Carolyn Schultis served refreshments. November hostess was not listed.

Next Eunice Circle meeting will be November 10th, 2025 at 1:30pm, September/October/November book. Irene Gibson will lead the Bible study, October lesson, session two.

~ Irene Gibson, Recorder

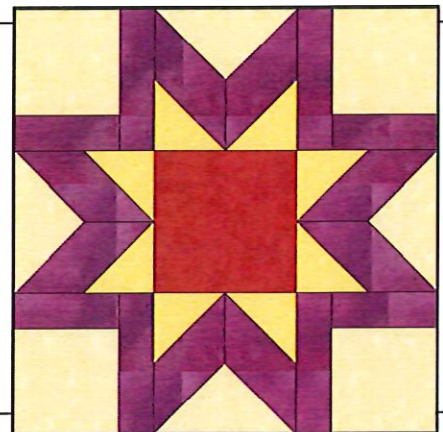
Mission Work Day

Once again it is time to box our quilts and kit ministry for Lutheran World Relief. Quilts were boxed on Oct. 28, and will be taken to Omaha by the end of October.

Our quilts and kits are urgently needed to care for neighbors in need and show them that even in their most trying times, they are not alone.

Our next and last work day of 2025 will be November 25.

Thanks Be To God



WOMEN ARE INVITED CELEBRATE GRATITUDE

ThankOffering Service for Women of St. Paul's



All women who participate in the practice of Thank Offerings are invited to bring their gifts to the WELCA ThankOffering Service to be held Nov. 23 during the regular church service. During the brief ceremony the meaning of the ThankOffering and its link to building daily gratitude will be shared with the congregation. The money that is gathered on this day is used to support mission projects that benefit women throughout the world. If you have not been building an offering over the year but would like to support this effort, you are encouraged to make a gift.



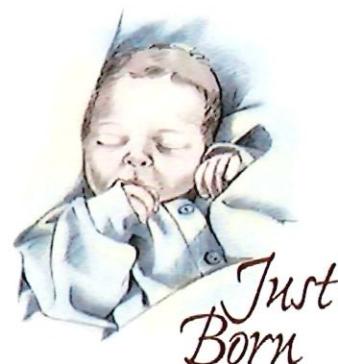
BLESSINGS IN YOUR MARRIAGE

We joyfully announce the marriage of Brianna Weers and Lyndon Salts at St. Paul Lutheran on October 18th. We pray that their life together will be filled with many blessings. Congratulations to both of you as well as parents of the bride, Brian and Kendra K Weers.

GIFTS OF NEW LIFE

We celebrate the birth of Jemeson William Scheele who was born on October 13th to Jesse and Katlyn Scheele. We give thanks to God for the gift of new life. May God's blessing be with this family. Grandparents are Jill and Tim Scheele and Great Grandparents are Jim and Jeanette Bures.

Congratulations to the Bergmeier family on the birth of their Grandson, Beckett Lee Long, on October 28. Beckett's parents are Chris and Katelin, Grandparents are Gary and Jill Bergmeier. May God's love bring you many blessings and many cherished moments.



Some of our congregational members have been in the hospital recently.

We hold **Joely Weers** in prayer as she recovers from her recent surgery.

We are thankful for the skilled hands who brought healing to **Ardie Barber**. We are happy to report that she is 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:

Norris Gold, Ervin Hennerberg, Mary Sasse, Mike Balderson, Norman Balderson and Tyler Wolfen.

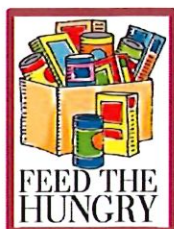


The impromptu choir sang "Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus" from the Other Song Book during our October 12th Worship service.

Thank you to those that come and share their music gifts. It truly makes our worship special!

COAT DRIVE is HAPPENING NOW

October/November is the time to clean out those closets and share any cold weather gear that may not be needed by your family. Items being collected include: coats, snow boots, gloves, mittens, snow pants, coveralls, and scarves for children, men and women. Donations can be hung on the hallway coat rack or in the collection basket. **ONLY SHARE GOOD QUALITY, CLEAN ITEMS PLEASE.** The campaign concludes on the 1st Sunday of December.



FALL FOOD DRIVE

Our Fall Food Drive officially begins in November, but the need is great at all times. As you shop, please consider donating items each week of November to be shared with the needy.

Items can be placed in the gray collection tub outside the sanctuary and will be donated early in December, or as the tub gets filled.

STUDENTS CONTINUE GROWING IN FAITH DURING CROSSWALK

Students finished their lessons from the series The Bible In A Year. The final lessons followed Paul as he worked with others to build God's church. During the final session the kids were shown the vision of Heaven that John shares in the book of Revelations. They had a lot of good questions about what Heaven is like. It was a good and reflective time to grow together.

In November we will begin studying the Life of Jesus.

Everybody enjoyed decorating the church grounds with the pumpkins and gourds that Alexis Schmidt grew and donated. A big thank you banner was created for her to show our appreciation.

The CrossWalk Kids rock at collecting pop tabs. As of Oct. 22, they had gathered 10 gallons which earned a Pop Tab Party. Special dirt cups with gummy worms started the fun on October 29. Although the weather was a little blustery, everyone enjoyed playing in the park.

Laughter filled the air and warmed our hearts as we enjoyed the blessing of fellowship and the glory of nature.

~ Submitted by Beth Roelfs



On Wednesday evening, October 15TH, the Confirmation students from St. Paul Lutheran in Diller attended a Halloween party at MOSAIC in Beatrice.

The party was attended by MOSAIC residents along with Confirmation classes from other area Homestead Cluster ELCA congregations.



The Confirmation class Family Night will take place on Wednesday, November 12th with a party to celebrate and connect with other Confirmation families. It will be a fun evening with fellowship and getting to know each other.

On Wednesday, November 26th, the Confirmation students will attend the Thanksgiving Service and have a short class afterwards.

GOLDEN GRIFFINS

OOPS...a couple Golden Griffins were missed in the October Newscaster. Fall MAP Growth Testing took place in September at Diller-Odell schools, and we have MANY smart members of our church. These "Golden Griffins" scored at the top of their class, and we are so proud of all of you! Keep it up, Griffins! Pictures are of a couple of our CrossWalk kids that are Golden Griffins. Congratulations!



Kindergarten
Golden Griffin
Kutter



First Grade
Golden Griffin
Troy

Congratulations to 8th Grader and St. Paul Lutheran Confirmation Student Lucy Dorn on earning 6th place at the Jefferson County Spelling Bee on Monday, October 6th. Lucy competed against 45 other 7th and 8th graders from the schools in Jefferson County. Great Job, Lucy! We are very proud of you!

~ Courtesy of Diller-Odell Schools



A BIG thank you to Alexis Schmidt who raised and donated the beautiful pumpkins and gourds that are decorating the church grounds. The CrossWalk Kids really enjoyed the opportunity to decorate for all of their Faith Family. We appreciate everyone who shared their talents.



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Global Service

Items for the Ingathering (dropoff) of the quilts, school kits, baby care kits and personal care kits were taken to Omaha at Magnum Trucking on October 30. THANK YOU to all the ladies that put together the many quilts and various kits to care for the American and Global people in need.



Trunk-or-Treat at St. Paul's

October 26, 2025

HALLOWEEN TRUNK OR TREAT
INDOOR and OUTDOOR

The Trunk or Treat fun went indoors AND outdoors, enjoying breezy but decent weather with many children and parents joining in on the fun. All were greeted by many trunks, tables and face painting from around the community, and inside or outside, they had their choice of trunks or tempting tables/booths to get a treat and play some games, even a photo booth! Disney and video game characters, athletes, superheroes and many more could also relax and enjoy a hotdog and "caramel" apple pretzel skewers while Halloween tunes played.

A huge thank you to everyone who made this fun-packed fellowship happen!

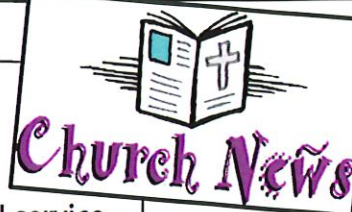


THANKSGIVING SERVICE



St. Paul Lutheran will once again host its annual Community Thanksgiving Worship Service on Wednesday evening, November 26 at 7pm.

All are welcome and encouraged to attend this special service.



CAROLING

Christmas Poinsettias

If you would like to bring a poinsettia for Christmas, there will be a sign-up sheet for whoever wishes to bring one. More information will be in the December Newscaster.



Christmas Caroling is anticipated to be in early December. More details will be on the Facebook page, website, or call a member of the Council and please check the updated calendar.



The Diller-Odell Homecoming game vs. Dorchester was on Friday, October 10. It was an exciting game with high scoring and great plays by both teams.

Congratulations to Aidan McKinney for being crowned Homecoming Queen and Homecoming King was Jacob Novotny, both of Odell.

Peyton Denner, from St. Paul Lutheran, was also in the Homecoming Court.

Congratulations to our church member of the Homecoming Court and to the Griffins for winning the game.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!



November Birthdays

1	Judy Landenberger	13	Donna Damrow
1	Jordan Langenberg	13	Katelin Long
2	Myleigh Weers	18	Michael Wellsandt
5	Danielle Reeson	22	Leana Lottman
6	Neil Meyer	23	Brenda Engelman
6	Brianna Weers	25	Dennis Schmidt
8	Linda Garcia	25	Colby Bartlett
8	Rhonda Balderson	26	Diane Wellsandt
9	Leatha Christ	28	Deborah Nippert
9	Brady Helton	28	Jacob Langenberg
10	Sharon Lottman	30	Kelsey Engelman
11	Susan Lawton	30	Spencer Weers

November Wedding Anniversaries

November 1, 1980

☞ Mr. & Mrs. Dennis & Deborah Nippert

November 16, 1988

☞ Mr. & Mrs. Gary & Jill Bergmeier

November 28, 2015

☞ Mr. & Mrs. Joseph & McKenzie Henrichs

VOLUNTEERS: If you are unable to serve on the Sunday(s) you are assigned, PLEASE arrange with someone else to fill in and notify others in the assigned Sunday of the change. Thank You!



November 2 Sunday Worship Service

With Holy Communion

All Saints Sunday and Memorial Dedication

New Member Sunday

Worship Assistant – Gary Bergmeier

Acolyte – Aubrey Roelfs

Greeter – Jim Bures

Coffee Service – Radene Beran, Sue Meyer



November 9 Sunday Worship Service

Worship Assistant, David Henrichs

Greeter, Gary Bergmeier

Coffee Service – Marcy Barber, Sondra Germer

November 16 Sunday Worship Service

Worship Assistant, Sherry Henrichs

Greeter, Dennis Nippert

Coffee Service – Leatha Christ, Diane Wellsandt

November 23 Sunday Worship Service

Christ the King Sunday

WELCA ThankOffering Service

Worship Assistant, Jamie Schultis

Greeter, Dean Pretzer

Coffee Service – Holli Pretzer, Marla Weichel



November 30 Sunday Worship Service

Hanging of the Greens Service

First Sunday in Advent

Worship Assistant, Brian Weers

Greeter, Charles Barber

Coffee Service – Peg Hemphill, Shannon Stein



December 7 Sunday Worship Service

With Holy Communion

Second Sunday in Advent

Worship Assistant, David Henrichs

Acolyte – Aubrey Roelfs

Greeter, Gary Bergmeier

Coffee Service – Cheryl Denner, Kristen Hennerberg



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<p><i>Red Hymnal</i> 2 Worship Service Holy Communion 9:30 AM</p> <p>ALL SAINTS SUNDAY MEMORIAL DEDICATIONS</p>	3	4	<p>5</p> <p>CROSS WALK Christian Ed 4:00pm</p> <p>Confirmation 7pm</p>	6	7	8
<p><i>Blue Hymnal</i> 9 Worship Service 9:30 AM Veterans Recognition</p>	<p>10</p> <p><i>Eunice Circle</i> 1:30pm</p> <p>Youth Meeting</p>	<p>11</p> <p>VETERAN'S DAY</p>	<p>12</p> <p>CROSS WALK Christian Ed 4:00pm</p> <p>Confirmation 7PM Family Night</p>	13	14	15
<p><i>Red Hymnal</i> 16 Worship Service 9:30 AM</p>	17	18	<p>19</p> <p>CROSS WALK Christian Ed 4:00pm</p> <p>Committees/ Council Meetings 6:30/7 pm NO Confirmation</p>	20	21	22
<p><i>Blue Hymnal</i> 23 Worship Service 9:30 AM</p> <p>WELCA ThankOffering Service</p>	24	<p>25</p> <p>Quilters Work Day 9am - Noon</p>	<p>26</p> <p>NO CROSS WALK</p> <p>Thanksgiving Service AND Confirmation 7pm</p>	<p>27</p> <p>Thanksgiving Office Closed</p>	28	29
<p><i>Red Hymnal</i> 30 Worship Service 9:30 AM Hanging of the Greens</p> <p>First Sunday of Advent</p>						
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