

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.*

October 2022
Pastor Mark Liscom

Life

(The following is an excerpt from "Wishful Thinking" a book of meditations by Frederich Buechner)

After lecturing learnedly on miracles, a great theologian was asked to give a specific example of one. "there is only one miracle" he answered. "It is life".

Have you wept at anything during the past year?

Has your heart beat faster at the sight of young beauty?

Have you thought seriously about the fact that someday you are going to die?

More often than not, do you really *listen* when people are speaking to you instead of just waiting for your turn to speak?

Is there anybody you know in whose place, if one of you had to suffer great pain, you would volunteer yourself?

If your answer to all or most of these questions is No, the chances are that you're dead. But while we probably all recognize the deadness in us, we perhaps as well can recognize that life is at work in us as well. God is at work in us, in the midst of the deadness, creating a fresh heart for living.

Thank God for his Grace, and Mercy.

Pastor Mark



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and

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and

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In Loving Memory of Howard Behrends

Happy birthday(s) and Blessings to the Memories of your loved ones. Thank You for sponsoring this Newscaster!

Sponsors for 2022 have been fulfilled, we thank you!

There is a yellow sign-up sheet on the announcements bulletin board in the back of the Narthex for 2023. Please consider sponsoring this important communication tool for our congregation.

GEARING UP FOR TRUNK-OR-TREAT

St. Paul will host their annual TRUNK-OR-TREAT event on Sunday, October 30 from 4:00-5:30 in the church's parking lot.

ALL Trick or Treaters WELCOME! ALL TRUNKS WELCOME!!!

Anyone can set up and join the fun. Prizes will be given for the Best Trunk and the Best Dressed Host.

Spectators are welcome but be prepared to be SPOOKED!!



Sunday
October 30
4pm to 5:30pm
St. Paul
Parking Lot

St. Paul Lutheran Church Council Minutes for September 21, 2022

Council members present were Dave Henrichs, Diane Wellsandt, Jeanette Bures, Peg Hemphill, Brian Weers, Gary Bergmeier and Pastor Mark. Dave opened the meeting, and Allen and Stacy Roelfs were present for insurance discussion for Pastor's Medicare. "God Sightings" were shared and Pastor Mark offered a prayer. The minutes from the previous meeting were reviewed. Gary moved to accept the minutes and Diane seconded. The minutes were approved.

Treasurer's Report

Alan Roelfs was present to give the report. He reported that the General Fund is in pretty good shape. Christian Education will receive \$500 from the Community Foundation Grant when it comes in. The Gold plan was selected as a contingency plan for Insurance in case we hire another pastor. Diane moved to accept the report and contingency plan and Gary seconded. Motion passed.

Memorial Treasurer's Report

The account received \$.77 interest and a \$1,500 memorial, making the balance \$13,529.29. Pastor was paid \$70 out of the Memorial Fund for the shotgun microphone that is being used for the worship broadcasts. The Eternal Candle stand is no longer available, so it will not be purchased. There was discussion about the Endowment/Growth Fund for future needs. A place is needed for principal to go to if the church were to ever permanently close. Balance for that fund is \$22,397. Dave moved to accept the report, and Peg seconded. Motion passed.

Pastor's Report

4 worship services, 3 home communions, 1 other call, 2 Confirmation classes, 2 visits to the Care Center, 1 Cluster Meeting, 3 text studies, 1 meeting in Pickrell, 1 Youth meeting, 1 Confirmation Parents' meeting.

Vice Chairman's Report

Dave reported that the church received a check for the Picnic Food Stand from the Community Club.

Committee Reports

Worship and Music – Sunday, September 25th, we will not have a Pastor, so the Confirmation students will help with worship. Discussed Children's Sermons – whether to continue having them or not, because Beth is getting overwhelmed, so she may step down from doing them. We may cut down on the number of sermons or start taking turns with who provides the Children's Sermons again.

Christian Education – No report, CrossWalk started on September 14. See article in Newscaster.

Food Stand – Report included in Vice Chairman's report.

Property – No report.

Communication and Outreach – No report.

Memorial – No report.

Old Business

- Furnace heat exchanger still available, but we would have to wait until they get more orders. A unit is available on the East coast, would probably cost \$15,000 to \$18,000, installed. Gary moved and Brian seconded that we have Noakes keep looking for a heat exchanger for the old furnace and likely not purchase a new one.

- Gary moved and Peg seconded that we give our excess tables and chairs from the Sunday School rooms to Nile Lutheran Chapel, the Sudanese Refugee Church of the Nebraska ELCA in Omaha. Motion passed.

- The church will have a "Garage Sale" as part of the 136 Trail of Treasures on Friday and Saturday, September 30 and October 1, 8am to 5pm on Friday, 8am to 2pm on Saturday, with the proceeds to go toward the furnace repair or replacement. The sale will be posted on the Church website, Facebook page, bulletin announcements, etc. Anyone interested in volunteering is welcome!

New Business

- Pastor Mark wants to take off October 6 – 20 for a bike ride vacation. He stated he has things covered during his absence.

- We need to pay a substitute Pastor while Pastor Mark is gone from September 22nd through 27th.

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, October 20 at 7:30pm, committees meet at 630pm. Gary moved to adjourn the meeting and Jeanette seconded. The meeting was adjourned and closed with the Lord's Prayer.

TREASURER'S REPORT

As of 9/20/2022



Current Balances

General Fund	\$11,620.93
Benevolence	\$ 1,163.05
<u>Designations</u>	<u>\$ 6,286.13</u>
Total	\$19,070.11

Operating Expenses

Available Cash	\$11,620.93
Remaining Bills	
None	
Remaining Bal	\$11,620.93

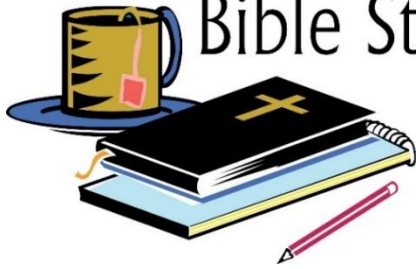
Offering Summary

	July	August	September
Current	\$ 14,089.60	\$ 10,220.80	\$ 5,537.80
Benevolence	\$ 558.40	\$ 426.45	\$ 178.20
Designated Funds	<u>\$ 83.00</u>	<u>\$ 2,182.28</u>	<u>\$ 52/00</u>
Totals	\$ 14,731.00	\$ 12,829.53	\$ 5,768.00

(partial month)

We need to receive \$10,002.96 in CURRENT each month in order to meet our budget for 2022.

Women's Bible Study



September Eunice Circle

Eunice Circle met on September 12, 2022 at 1:30pm. Norma Banahan led our Bible Study. Jesus and Nature: Teachers of Faith – Trees. It comes as no surprise that Jesus talked a lot about trees, plants and other flora.

Our study texts were from Mark 4:30-32; Mark 11:12-14 and 20-24; John 15:1-11 and Revelation 22:1-5. The focus verse – “I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you are nothing.” John 15:5.

We opened with prayer and Hymn, “O Blessed Spring”. We closed with prayer and The Lord's Prayer.

Norma called our meeting to order. Minutes were read and approved. Five (5) members answered roll call. Our Offering was \$19.00.

Old Business: Discussed making of quilts for LWR. Ice cream and sandwich social – from 4-6pm on August 21st. Work Days – August 23rd and 30th.

New Business: Faith Formation children will pack school kits on Wednesday, September 14th from 3:30-5pm. Work Day on September 27th.

After Grace, Linda Behrends served refreshments.

Next Eunice Circle meeting will be October 10, 2022 at 1:30pm, September/October book. Irene Gibson will lead the Bible study.

~ Irene Gibson, Recorder

Mission Work Day

The quilters met on August 23 and 30
and assembled and tied 10 quilts.

We will meet on September 27 to tie quilts
and on October 2 to pack and label
boxes for shipping to LWR.

Exact location for delivery is not confirmed yet.

A volunteer for LWR delivery would be greatly appreciated.

Please come and join us.

SPREADING GOD'S GRACE



BACK 2 CROSSWALK

CrossWalk is BACK with energy and enthusiasm. The first session was held on September 14 with 35 students attending. Students helped pack 32 school kits with the aid of Irene Gibson, learned about the Ronald McDonald House and how important their continued efforts to collect pop tabs are. They reflected on their Highs and Lows of Summer through prayer and enjoyed making sand art crosses to keep or share as part of God's discipleship.

The Fall focus is "Putting On God's Armor". Each week we will look at tools God gives us to stand strong against evil in the world. We'll be assembling a knight in shining armor as we move along each week. Our first lesson looked at the TRUTH of God in our world and our role to share those truths with others.

The learning project for the year is to help the children learn and understand the Apostle's Creed. We continue to build prayer practices, review the Ten Commandments and share the Lord's Prayer.

The group will complete service projects throughout the year, celebrate with Trunk or Treat, enjoy a special Christmas event and much more. Thank you to the teaching team, 6th grade, junior and senior high helpers, substitute teachers, snack crew and all supporters of this wonderful witness. ~ Photos and article by Beth Roelfs



HOLDING OTHERS IN PRAYER *CrossWalk Kids Face Times of Healing*



Wyatt Smith, son of Jessie and Shelly Smith, recently sustained an injury to his arm in a trampoline mishap. We wish him a speedy recovery.

Keaton Warnke, son of Amanda Warnke, is healing from a football injury to his ribs. He is unable to play the season. We know this is painful and disappointing. We are thinking of you with care.

A SMALL GESTURE HAS A BIG IMPACT

CrossWalk Students are working hard to reach an important goal during their 2022/23 year. They are joining efforts to collect enough pop tabs to fill the TWO GALLON collection jar 3 times.

The incentive is ice cream cake for all but, the reward is the impact they will have on the families and children who benefit from the services of the Ronald McDonald House in Omaha.

The children have enthusiastically embraced the project over the past 2 years. During a recent learning session Sheri Schultis shared a video that gave personal accounts from children and parents. They got to see the house, what it provides for families and how important it is.

Please join the kids in their quest to 'Fill The Jar'. This is a wonderful reminder of how combining the small acts of many can make a profound difference in God's world.



Lily Ebeling and Emma Ideus are among the students donating Pop Tabs to the Ronald McDonald House project.



YOUTH GROUP SPONSOR URGENTLY NEEDED!

The talented and thoughtful youth of our congregation are in urgent need of an adult leader(s) to be in their faith journey with them during the critical years of high school.

Anyone that volunteers will not be “thrown to the wolves”; there are people who can and will help, and they really are a great group of kids.

Please contact Pr. Mark or a Council member if interested.



The volunteer choir sang a traditional Hymn from the OSB during our September 11th Worship service.

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

Guest Pastor Kurtis Melcher at September 25 Service



Pr. Melcher gives his message

Pastor Kurtis Melcher was our guest pastor at the September 25 service while Pastor Mark enjoyed some time with family for a family wedding.

His message was about his faith journey and time as a pastor in Kansas. After serving 22 years as a church pastor, he became a chaplain at the Wakefield treatment facility to help people dealing with their guilt and how confession releases us by facing our truths and learning how to accept forgiveness.

Thank you, Pr. Melcher, for your powerful message!



ST. PAUL LUTHERAN IS HAVING A GARAGE SALE!

St. Paul will have a garage sale as part of the “Trail of Treasures” community garage sales to help pay for repair or replacement of one of our furnaces. Please check the November Newscaster for a story about this event that will be held September 30 and October 1.



HELP OTHERS KNOW GOD'S LOVE THROUGH OUR FALL COAT PROJECT

The annual Coat Drive will run during the month of October at St. Paul. Hang donations in the front hall at the WEST end of the coat rack.

Coats of ALL sizes are needed. MAKE SURE THEY ARE CLEAN AND IN GOOD REPAIR. IF THEY ARE MISSING BUTTONS, have BROKEN ZIPPERS, TORN ETC., PLEASE DON'T BRING THEM.

We are also accepting gloves, hats, and scarves. A basket will be provided for those items.

Our gifts will be delivered at the beginning of November to Diller-Odell Schools, the Coat Closet (a ministry of the Beatrice Christian Church), as well as People's City Mission and other agencies serving folks who need safe winter wear.





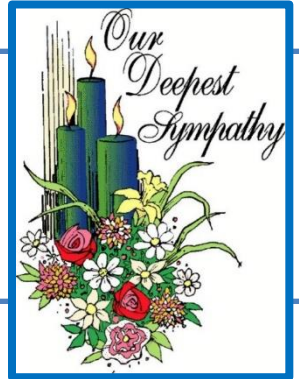
We Celebrate a New Life

We joyfully announce the birth of Taven Norris Reeson, daughter of Danielle (Roelfs) and Tom Reeson of Ogallala, NE.

Taven arrived on August 24. She is welcomed home by brothers Rogon and Landon.

Congratulations also goes out to Grandparents, Robbyn Roelfs and the late Stan Roelfs and Great-grandparents, Norris and Jan Gold. We say a prayer of thanks for the gift of this beautiful life.

We reach out to Kristen Hennerberg, Jamie, Keira and Josie. Kristen's father, Roger Nohr of Crofton, NE passed away on August 24. We pray that you find peace through the caring thoughts of many.



Congratulations to Ervin and Betty Hennerberg who celebrated their 60th Wedding Anniversary on September 23, 2022.

Their children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren honored them with a lovely bouquet of flowers at the church for the September 25 worship service.

In the September Newscaster, it was stated that Pastor Delmar Wiemers had surgery on his back. That was incorrect. He is seeking other treatments to address his needs. We pray for skilled hands to bring him comfort.



We pray for our congregational members who are in the hospital:

Doyle Wolken, who continues to recover at Tabitha in Lincoln. He plans to return home soon, we pray for his continued recovery

Tyler Wolken, who is experiencing some health issues and is currently at Bryan West in Lincoln

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:

Franklin Damrow, Eldean Banahan, Robert Weers, Rick Whittemire, Allison Lottman, Rebecca Chavez and Darlene Balderson

A special thank you for all the prayers, cards, letters, phone calls, and visits after my surgery and during my rehabilitation. The get well card with all the signatures on it meant so much to me. God's Blessings to each of you.

~Melvin Beran



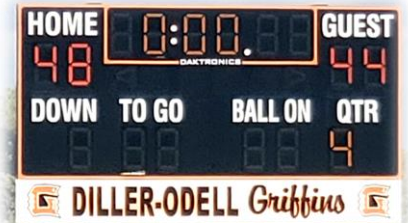
The Diller-Odell Homecoming game vs. Humboldt – Table Rock - Steinauer was on Friday, September 23. It was a true nail-biter with the Griffins getting the win in the last minute.



Congratulations to Karli Heidemann of St. Paul Lutheran for being crowned Homecoming Queen and Homecoming King was Jason Arnold of Odell.

Also in the Homecoming Court from St. Paul were Skylar Folkers and Xavier Jones.

Congratulations to the team for the victory and to the members of the Homecoming Court.



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
- 6 Megan Langenberg
- 6 Griffin Zabokrtsky
- 7 Jill Lottman
- 7 Cale Clifford
- 9 John Denner, Jr.

- 9 Sarah Meyer
- 9 Jarod Gold
- 9 Madeline Lottman
- 9 Valerie Lottman
- 10 Jeanette Bures
- 14 Jonathan Schmidt
- 15 Zachary Warren
- 15 Tynleigh Sasse
- 16 Kendra K Weers
- 17 David Duis
- 18 Phyllis Wiemers

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

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!

October



October 2 Sunday Worship Service with Holy Communion

*Worship Assistant – Kendra K Weers
Greeter – Jim Bures
Acolyte – Drake Day
Ushers – Dean Pretzer, Scott Pretzer
Coffee Service – Kendra Weers, Deb Nippert*

October 9 Sunday Worship Service

*Worship Assistant – Brian Weers
Greeter – Dennis Nippert
Acolyte – Cale Clifford
Ushers – Adam Roelfs, Allen Roelfs
Coffee Service – Ardith Barber, Kristen Heidemann*

October 16 Sunday Worship Service

*Worship Assistant – Gary Bergmeier
Greeter – Dean Pretzer
Acolyte – Xavier Zabokrtsky
Ushers – Dean Roelfs, Chris Schlichtman
Coffee Service – Jeanette Bures, Jill Scheele*

October 23 Sunday Worship Service

*Worship Assistant – David Henrichs
Greeter – Charles Barber
Acolyte – Josie Hennerberg
Ushers – Kevin Sasse, Karter Sasse
Coffee Service – Robbyn Roelfs, Jean Schmidt*

October 30 Sunday Worship Service Reformation Sunday

*Worship Assistant – Sherry Henrichs
Greeter – Gary Bergmeier
Acolyte – Mason Schlichtman
Ushers – Riley Sasse, Tim Scheele
Coffee Service – Jane Pretzer, Jill Zabokrtsky*



November 6 Sunday Worship Service With Holy Communion First Communion

All Saints Sunday and Memorial Dedication

*Worship Assistant – Diane Wellsandt
Greeter – Jim Bures
Acolyte – Ryan Hicok
Ushers – Jonathan Schmidt, Christopher Schmidt
Coffee Service – Stacy Roelfs, Beth Roelfs*



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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
<p align="center">First Communion Sunday, November 6</p>						<p>1</p> <p>CHURCH GARAGE SALE</p>
<p align="center"><i>Red Hymnal</i> 2 Worship Service Holy Communion 9:30 AM</p>	3	4	5	6	7	8
			<p align="center">CROSS WALK Christian Ed 4:00pm</p>	<p><i>Pastor on Vacation through October 20</i></p>		
			<p align="center">Confirmation Parents Night 7:00pm</p>			
<p align="center"><i>Blue Hymnal</i> 9 Worship Service 9:30 AM</p>	10	11	12	13	14	15
	<p><i>Eunice Circle 1:30pm</i></p>		<p align="center">CROSS WALK Christian Ed 4:00pm</p>			
			<p align="center">Confirmation Service Project 7:00pm</p>			
<p align="center"><i>Red Hymnal</i> 16 Worship Service 9:30 AM</p>	17	18	19	20	21	22
			<p align="center">CROSS WALK Christian Ed 4:00pm</p>	<p>Committees/ Council Meetings 6:30/7:30pm</p>	<p align="center"><i>Newscafter Items Due</i></p>	
			<p align="center">NO Confirmation</p>			
				<p><i>Pastor Returns</i></p>		
<p align="center"><i>Blue Hymnal</i> 23 Worship Service 9:30 AM</p>	24	25	26	27	28	29
	<p align="center">Theological Conference Through 26th</p>	<p>Work Day <i>All Day</i></p>	<p align="center">CROSS WALK Christian Ed 4:00pm</p>			<p>First Communion and Acolyte Class 10:30am-Noon</p>
			<p align="center">Confirmation 7:00pm</p>			
<p align="center"><i>Red Hymnal</i> 30 Worship Service 9:30 AM</p> <p align="center">trunk OR treat 4 - 5:30pm</p>	31	<p>St. Paul Lutheran Church PO Box 37 Diller, NE 68342</p>				
	<p><i>Reformation</i></p>					

