

February 2018

St. Paul's Lutheran Church

Member Lutheran Church Missouri Synod- LCMS
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Love

Most people have heard of Cupid as the love god. In Greek mythology he was the god of 'desire', of erotic love, of attraction and affection. This morphed over time in popular culture so that today "*Cupid is shown drawing his bow to inspire romantic love, often as an icon of Valentine's Day.*"

Because Valentine's Day falls in February, it is often thought of as being a time of love. Anyone caught in the line of fire of cupid arrow falls in love. This is what many young people dream of. They want to find that perfect mate, get married, raise a family and live happily ever after.

But often this dream of what marriage is evaporates. A spouse has habits that annoy. People get older, and attributes that were once tolerable grow more difficult. The infatuation wears off.

So what is love? As Huey Louis sang in the theme song of 'Back to the Future,' 'The

Power of love is a curious thing, ... More than a feeling that's the power of love.'

Love is more than a feeling. Cupid's arrow type of love may bring two people together, but it is the love of friendship, the love of service to another that sustains a marriage. When the Bible touches on the topic in Ephesians, it instructs husbands to unconditionally love their wives as Jesus unconditionally loves the church and gave up His life for it. Love of marriage then is a serving love, a giving love. It is a love that says that this marriage is so much more important than anything that could cause division of a couple. It says keep going when the road seems long, when emotions are shot. It is love that forgives a little since we have been forgiven much, as we pray, "*And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us,*" and as the small catechism teaches us, "We pray in this petition that our Father in

heaven would not look at our sins, or deny our prayer because of them. ... "

So yes, love is much more than a feeling. For a couple, it doesn't have to do so much with how they feel, but with how they act.

And as is often the case, actions leads to feelings. It is one of the reasons why many say that if you want to be happy, you should smile. The smile often creates happy feelings. What we do has an effect on what we feel. What we do has an effect on what we believe. This is true in our personal lives, as well as in our spiritual lives.

If you are married, regardless of whether you got together after being struck by Cupid's love arrow, or some other less exciting way, love each other, not just with a feeling, but with service and a smile.

Pastor Pobanz



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Sunday School

The Sunday School children have been learning about God in the New Testament. The Sunday School children learned how God changed our language thru the Holy Spirit into many languages and spread it all over the world and how Peter and John heal the Lame man.

Perfect Attendance for December:

Preschool-1st grade: None

2nd-4th grade : None

5th-8th grade: Katie Jansma,
Nathan Pobanz

Those who attended the Christmas practice and program received a snack.

Paige Dierenfeld, Brody Hunziker, Kolbe Hunziker, Makynli Hunziker, Kellan Johnson, Noah Just, Fern Pasche, Hazel Pasche, Ryan Petersen, Max Roseberry, Sophie Roseberry, Madilyn Ruge, Landon Voyles, Will Voyles.

Rebecca Peters, Sunday School Superintendent

SPY'S



In the month of January **SPY's** have met for devotions, to discuss upcoming fundraisers, game night, and bowling night. We have been enjoying times of fellowship together. As we look forward to the upcoming month: we will be having our Annual **Valentine's Supper** with Geoffrey Phillipson again as our chef, youth will be attending **Winter Jam concert** in Des Moines on January 26th and our youth will be starting our **Butter Braid fundraiser** (get them in time for easter!!).

We continue to mourn and cope with the heartbreaking loss of our member **Ethan Nissen**, but also turn to the Word of our Lord to rejoice in his salvation, given to him by Jesus Christ! Ethan was our youth group president, a quiet leader. Although he often had to be told to put his phone away, when it was time to do a Bible reading or Faith Talk questions, he was attentive (most of the time). Ethan was a great kid, kind and inclusive to those around him. He was incredibly strong, and freakishly fast! He was a hard worker and was always one we could count on to show up at SPY's, and at our service dinners, and events to serve. Ethan had strong faith and we have no doubt that he is in Heaven with our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Please continue to pray for our youth and for Ethan's family, that they will find comfort, peace, and strength.
Youth Leaders: Kaly'n & Lucas Johnson



Beat the Midwinter Blues

with a

Potluck after Saturday Evening Service

February 24th, about 7:15 p.m.

Bring a main dish,
and a salad or
dessert

Beverages and
tableware will be
provided



P.S. It's Pastor Pobanz's birthday!

**The Women of St. Paul did not meet in January.
The next meeting will be February 7, at 1:30 p.m.
in the Fellowship Hall.**

**Please pick up
your bowls and pans
from the kitchen**



The Lutheran Church Missouri Synod - Stewardship Ministry

“I am not commanding you, but I want to test the sincerity of your love by comparing it with the earnestness of others. For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, so that you through his poverty might become rich” (2 Corinthians 8:8-9).

Without commands or even arm-twisting, St. Paul encourages, even challenges, the Church in Corinth to demonstrate the sincerity of their faith by their generosity in giving. He does this because giving generously is a gift of the Spirit given to us through the Gospel.

St. Paul wrote: “But just as you excel in everything—in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in complete earnestness and in your love for us—see that you also excel in this grace of giving” (2 Corinthians 8:7). In other words, just as we grow in faith and speech and knowledge of eternal things by the Holy Spirit through the Word of God, so also do we grow in giving from the same Spirit through the same Word.

The problem is that the grace of generosity often grows cold in us. It’s not so much that we stop giving, but we don’t put it first. We treat it like all the other bills that must be paid. It becomes a chore, just one more thing to check off a list of things to do. That empties it of its spiritual power and robs us of the joy that Christ and the Scriptures assign to it.

On top of that, since this generosity is linked to faith and knowledge of divine things, a lack of excelling in giving is a sure sign that our faith and knowledge of God are under attack as well.

Thus St. Paul points to the foundation of generosity: the generosity of Christ Himself. Even though He was rich, He became poor so that we who are poor might become rich. Thus, the incarnation, suffering, and death of our Lord on the cross is the reason, source, and driving force for our generosity in giving to the church.



**STEWARDSHIP
COMMITTEE**

And since Christ who was rich became poor so that we might be rich in His grace—of which generous giving is part—so we also who are rich in His grace can excel in pressing His grace into service toward the gracious work of the church.

Pay attention to what you give to the church so that you may excel at it. And if you find that your heart has grown cold or indifferent toward it, immerse yourself in God’s Word. Read it at home. Attend Bible Class. Hear and listen to it preached in the Divine Service.

Be reminded of what Christ has done for you in His incarnation, suffering, and death. For this will strengthen your faith and knowledge. And where that excels, so will the grace of giving excel also.

**St. Paul's Lutheran Church Council Minutes
January 9, 2018**

President Fred Bruns called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

Pastor Pobanz presented a meditation on the forgiveness of sins and Psalm 103. This was followed by prayer.

Pat Laursen presented the treasurer report. There was discussion about outstanding checks related to our seminary students. Pat will check and it was suggested that checks go directly to the students rather than the seminary.

Kay Christian presented the finance report. There was a question about memorial funds. Fred answered the question.

Elders: Eric Yunginger reported. They continue to review member attendance and discussed outreach to the members not attending services.

Education: no report

Evangelism: Denise Opsal reported. They continue to send out birthday and anniversary cards monthly.

Stewardship: Sandy Zimmerman reported. The caroling party held December 17, 2017 was well attended.

Trustees: No report. Fred stated he talked to George Kischer about fixing one of the screws holding the banners in front of the church.

Pastor Pobanz Monthly Report for December 2017: Transfer In/Out- 0; Baptisms -0; Deaths – Ethan Nissen passed away on 12/16/2017-funeral on 12/22/2017; Inez Morrill passed away on 12/27/2017-funeral on 12/30/2017; Hospital visits -3; Homebound visits -21; Confirmation Adult/Children -0; Member visits – 2; Weddings- Kurt and Lory Volkert on 12/02/2017; Church attendance and Communion attendance – see church info sheet.

Old Business: Gary Langbein made a motion to approve a door offering on 1/20 and 1/21/2018 for the Sunday School Missionary project. Eric seconded. Motion carried. This will be in the bulletin on the 13th and 14th.

New Business: none

Meeting adjourned with the Lord's Prayer.

Attending: Pastor Pobanz, Fred Bruns, Gary Langbein, Karen Neitzke, Eric Yunginger, Pat Laursen, Sandy Zimmerman, Denise Opsal and Kay Christian.

*Respectfully submitted,
Karen Neitzke, secretary*



- 1 Wanda Coppens
- 1 Kathy Nehman
- 2 Kathleen Murley
- 2 Amanda Thies
- 2 Samuel Zimmerman
- 2 Steven Gosch
- 2 Tara Schramm
- 3 Patty O'Tool
- 3 Max Roseberry
- 5 Marlin Henson
- 5 Buster Wirtjers
- 7 Douglas Geery
- 7 Rose Bumsted
- 9 Geri Ringgenberg
- 10 Todd Ernst
- 10 Russell Page
- 11 Misty Plain
- 11 Michael Penniman
- 11 Bruce Becker
- 11 Cameron Slagle
- 12 Sarah Voyles
- 12 Marlene Jansma
- 12 Nathan Pobanz
- 13 Ashton Ogren
- 14 Val Peterson
- 15 Vernon Petersen
- 19 Roger McChesney
- 19 Elmer Schultz
- 19 Keagan Bundt
- 20 Ashley Meyers
- 22 Hannah Jastorff
- 22 Whitney Bettin
- 23 Terri Mahler
- 23 Aline Luckow
- 23 Dianne Graeve
- 24 Pastor Pobanz
- 25 Sandra Tellinghuisen
- 25 Shirley Higgins
- 26 Kenzie Crum
- 26 Rosey Bruns
- 27 Bonnie Ripley
- 27 Kayla Shull
- 27 Pamela Gehrig
- 28 Bob Wilson
- 28 Mark Hosteng
- 28 Kessi Harman
- 28 Rebecca Diersen

Anniversaries

Ron & Konda Slagle
2-9-1980
38 yrs.

Kim & Pat Laursen
2-28-1976
42 yrs.

SPY'S VALENTINE'S SUPPER

Sunday, February 11, 2018
At 5, 6, or 7 pm

\$12 per person
Includes main dish, beverage, and dessert

The meal will be prepared by
Chef Geoffrey Phillipson,
Culinary Arts Instructor at
Iowa Central Community College

For tickets:
Please contact any **youth member,**
or **Kalyn** 319-654-6588,
Lucas 319-654-6587,
or the church **office**
712-662-7029

Tickets will also be sold before and after services

Those Who Serve in February 2018

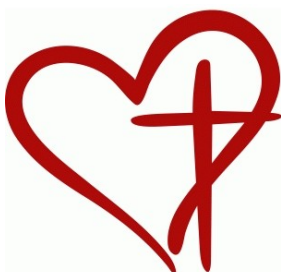
Date	Elder	Greeters	Ushers	Acolytes	Organist	Video Taping	Broadcasting
Sat. 3 rd	Todd Ernst	Merle & Millie Oxley	Neil & Karen Neitzke	Keagan Bundt	Timothy Pobanz		
Sun. 4 th	Neil Wedeking	Dianne Graeve	Nicole Ruge Dale Wegner	Ryan Petersen	Timothy Pobanz	Todd Ernst	Bruce Peterson
Sat. 10 th	Merlen Noess	Joann Lents Ethel Wolf	Lee & Annette Green	Wyatt Kreft	Timothy Pobanz		
Sun. 11 th	Roland Harklau	Tom & Judy Seieroe	Ross & Denise Opsal	Rylee Pearl	Timothy Pobanz	Eric Yunginger	Merlen Noess
Wed. 14 th		Roger & Sylvia Jensen	Fred Bruns Merlen Noess		Timothy Pobanz	Neil Wedeking	
Sat. 17 th		Larry Peyton	Mitch Dettman Madi Dettman	Tori Hutchinson	Michele Dettmann		
Sun. 18 th	Mark Jansma	Kim & Pat Laursen	Todd & Teri Luckow	Katie Jansma	Michele Dettmann	Roger Jensen	Michele Dettmann
Wed. 21 st		Rebecca Peters	Neil & Karen Neitzke		Timothy Pobanz	George Kischer	
Sat. 24 th	Todd Ernst	Sandy Zimmerman	Jeff & Dorothy Wirtjers	Carson Rudd	Timothy Pobanz		
Sun. 25 th	Eric Yunginger	Kurt & Lory Volkert	Carson Ruge Mat Marshall	Nathan Pobanz	Timothy Pobanz	Todd Ernst	Merlen Noess
Wed. 28 th		Roger & Brenda Baas	Ross & Denise Opsal		Timothy Pobanz	Eric Yunginger	



For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son that whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have everlasting life. John 3:16

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 8:30 Women's Bible Study 10:30 Parkview Communion Service	2	3 6 Divine Service
4 9 Divine Service 10:15 Adult Bible Class Sunday School	5 <i>Pastor's Day Off</i>	6 4:45 Board of Evangelism 5:00 Board of Education 6:00 Bible Investigation Class 7:30 Elders	7 1:30 Women of St. Paul 3:45 Midweek	8 8:30 Women's Bible Study	9	10 6 Divine Service
11 9 Divine Service 10:15 Adult Bible Class Sunday School 5, 6, 7 pm SPY's Valentine Meal	12 <i>Pastor's Day Off</i> 5:30 Board of Trustees	13 6:00 Bible Investigation Class 7:30 Council	14 Valentine's Day 3:45 Midweek 6:00 Ash Wednesday Service	15 8:30 Women's Bible Study	16	17 6 Divine Service
18 9 Divine Service 10:15 Adult Bible Class Sunday School	19 <i>Pastor's Day Off</i> <i>Newsletter articles due</i>	20 6:00 Bible Investigation Class	21 3:45 Midweek 5:00 Lenten Supper 6:00 Lenten Service	22 8:30 Women's Bible Study	23	24 6 Divine Service Potluck to follow
25 9 Divine Service 10:15 Adult Bible Class Sunday School	26 <i>Pastor's Day Off</i>	27 6:00 Bible Investigation Class	28 3:45 Midweek 5:00 Lenten Supper 6:00 Lenten Service	1 March 8:30 Women's Bible Study	2	3 6 Divine Service



God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

Romans 5:8

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Return Service Requested

St. Paul's Lutheran Church Enlightener

THIS IS MY
commandment
THAT YOU
LOVE
C... .. OTHER
as I have loved you.
John 15:12

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