

# March 2018

**St. Paul's Lutheran Church**  
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I am one of those people who likes fairly spicy food and so will add jalapeños to my Subway sandwich giving it a bit of bite. But not everyone enjoys spicy food. They say that it makes their mouth burn.

Many spicy foods, including Jalapeños peppers, contain a substance called capsaicin. When this substance comes into contact with mucous membranes, it feels like it is burning. It isn't really burning, it just feels that way. That is because it interacts with the nerve ending and sends the same signal to the brain as it would if you touched something hot, or if you got an abrasion. But the body doesn't know that and so the body may inflame the tissues as if it really was a burn or abrasion.

In general, there is no long term damage. The 'burning' will disappear shortly. So in spite of it being uncomfortable for some, it has been described as being, "common for people to experience pleasurable and even euphoric effects from ingesting capsaicin." Besides that, capsaicin has a lot of positive properties as well. It clears the sinuses, and some thinks fixes many sinus problems. It can be added to an ointment to help with pain relief of sore muscles or tendons. In strong doses, it can also be used as an insect repellent and is used in pepper

spray.

How does that apply to our lives as Christians? There are things that we experience in our lives as Christians that also seem to 'burn.' We may think we are really being hurt by it and so our response may be to treat it as a burn and run away. We may avoid it at all cost because it doesn't suit our palette.

But our Lord has talked of us taking up our cross and following him. *"<sup>24</sup>Then Jesus told his disciples, "If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me.*

*<sup>25</sup>For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it. <sup>26</sup>For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world and forfeits his soul? Or what shall a man give in return for his soul?"* (Matthew 16:24-26)

We often think that the burning sensation that we may experience in our Christian life is hurting us or not to our liking and so we stay away. Jesus says these things, even if they are to extend to losing our life for Christ, are really good things.

One area where this is very obvious is having our sin pointed out to us. It burns! We find it uncomfortable. We would rather stay away from hearing it. Another area we tend to find uncomfortable is inviting our friends to church. It may burn as we contemplate how

they may respond and so we don't do it.

Your walk with the Lord, especially if you have neglected it, can seem like a hard thing. Even entering into the presence of God in the Sanctuary may create an uncomfortable burn. But stop and consider, that burn can have all kinds of positive results. The primary one being, your faith is strengthened as your sins are forgiven. In addition, think of the joy we would experience when our friends also regularly experience this burn to wake them up to their sinful state, so that they can experience the relief that comes when the blood of the lamb washes off their burning sin.

When I was a kid, I couldn't believe how much spicy food my dad would eat. It burned me too much, so I mostly stayed away. As I ate more of it, I liked it more and more.

Now, it doesn't really matter if you like spicy food or not. But it does matter that as a Christian, you experience the burn of hearing God's Word. The burn that wakes us up, and keeps us aware of God's gifts to us.

May the Lord keep  
 you steadfast in His love,  
*Pastor Pobanz*



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## 2018 Church Officers and Board Members

# Sunday School

There have been 24 children attending Sunday School. Praise GOD! The Sunday School children have learned how God's disciple Stephen spread the great wonders and signs among his the people. Then a dispute arose up against him and they stoned him. Stephen called out "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit." The Sunday School children have learned that Baptism is a very important part of our life in Christ. Jesus said "Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them into the name of the Father and the Son and of the Holy Spirit."

Perfect Attendance for January:

Preschool-1st grade: Adiden Musgrave

2nd-4thgrade: None

5th-8thgrade: Noah Just, Katie Jansma,  
Nathan Pobanz

The amount of the special colletion the weekend of January 20th and 21st was \$203.50.

*Rebecca Peters, Sunday School Superintendent*

# SPY'S



In February, two youth, and the leaders attended the Winter Jam Concert at Wells Fargo Arena in Des Moines. What a neat experience to be amongst thousands of Christians singing and praising together!

We held our Annual Valentine's Supper-- prepared for us by Chef Geoffrey Phillipson. Thank you so much to those who attended, donated, and served.

Our Butter Braid sale will start soon, and will be delivered by Easter. The youth will sell them before and after services.

In March we will be digging back into our devotions. Lucas and I will be gone for a family vacation to Florida, but the youth will continue to meet in our absence.

Thank you to everyone for your prayers and encouragement in the past several months! God bless you all,

Youth leaders: Kalyn and Lucas Johnson



## WANTED:

Individuals who would like to share the Gospel of Jesus Christ with God's children in our church and community

### VBS Organizational Meeting

Tuesday, March 15<sup>th</sup>

5:00 p.m. in the church library

Discussion will be on evaluations from last years VBS and plans for 2018 VBS. (tentatively set for June 4-8, final program June 10)

**Please plan now** to consider helping with decorating, crafts, storytelling, music, snacks, games, or being a group leader.

**Questions?** please contact Sandy Wuebker (director) at 712-660-0004 or Kristin Hartje (assistant director) at 712-208-0101

There will be a **BENEFIT** for **Josh Peters**

(Son of Paul Peters and Melinda Preul Peters; grandson of Rebecca and the late Ed Peters) on March 25, 2018 from 11a.m.-3 p.m. at the Battle Creek Fire Station.

This includes a free-will donation meal, and a silent auction.

Josh was diagnosed with *Chiri Malformation*, and had surgery on February 12 at Children's Hospital in Omaha.

Josh attended preschool here at St. Paul's.

*An account is being set up in Josh's name at Westside Bank in Wall Lake*

Pastor Pobanz began with a Bible Study on Rosa Young and her work to educate “her” people in Alabama.

President Sue Dettman called the meeting to order  
Secretary Lauri Pobanz read the minutes which were approved as read. Correspondence was read.  
Treasurer Linda Case presented the treasures report. There was a starting balance of \$649.42, income of \$191.53 giving a balance of \$840.95. Expenses totaled \$70 leaving a balance of \$770.95. The report was filed for audit.

**Old Business:**

We are still supporting seminary student Justin Woodside and his family.

**New Business:**

- Nora Burt and Lora Greenlee will deliver carnations for Valentine’s Day to 8 homebound members.
- The WOSP will serve the Lenten meal on February 21. The officers will provide casseroles, and there will be a sign up sheet for salads, bars, and workers.
- The next meeting will be the Prayer Service. Kay Christian and Lauri Pobanz will plan the program. General fund, and mites will be collected.
- A potluck will be held after church on February 24, to help beat the winter blues and celebrate Pastor Pobanz’s birthday.
- A brief discussion was held about holding a confirmation reception after church on Palm Sunday/Confirmation Sunday. The number is unsure at this point and will be discussed at the next meeting.

Birthdays and Anniversaries were recognized. Linda Case hosted, and Judy Pellersels will host next month.

Next meeting will be March 7, 2018 with the Prayer Service.  
The meeting adjourned with prayer.

**If you have any of the church kitchen towels, please return them a.s.a.p.**

**Women of St. Paul’s**

Please join us for  
the Annual  
**Prayer Service** held  
March 7, 1:30 p.m.  
in the chapel  
(overflow area)



**ALL** women are welcome  
to attend, following will be  
a brief meeting, and refreshments  
will be served

There will be a  
**reception** for the  
**confirmands**  
immediately  
following the service **on Palm**  
**Sunday**, hosted by the Women of  
St. Paul’s and the families of the  
confirmands. **Please join us** in  
celebrating our newest members.



St. Paul's Lutheran Church Council Meeting Minutes  
February 13, 2018

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

Pastor Pobanz presented a meditation on Mark chapter one relating to Jesus' time in the wilderness following his baptism. Followed by prayer.

Minutes from the 1/9/2018 council meeting were approved.

Pat Laursen reviewed the treasurer report. Report was approved.

Kay Christian reviewed the finance report. Report approved. Kay asked about what to do with offering envelopes after amounts are recorded. Consensus of council to dispose of the envelopes.

**Elders:** Eric Yunginger reported.

- Continue to review member church attendance.
- Pastor reported that there is an overnight event at Camp Okoboji for confirmation students on 2/23/18 and 2/24/18.
- Membership survey has gone live. Five responses at this time.

**Education:** Sheila Grote reported.

- Sunday School-about 19 students attending.
- Mid Week- An overnight event "Chaos" will be at Okoboji 2/23/18 and 2/24/18 for any confirmation student wanting to go.
- VBS- Kristin Hartje will be assisting Sandy Wuebker.
- Preschool- No applicants for the teaching position at this time. The State DHS office has notified church that the license has expired since we are not functioning at this time. We can reapply when needed.

**Stewardship:** Sandy Zimmerman reported.

- Continue to call for greeters at church.
- Discussion about how we can make new people welcome at church and doing follow up visits.

**Trustees:** Lucas Johnson reported.

- SPYs had around 45 people attend their Valentine Dinner.
- City has asked if church wants an excessive flow valve for gas installed. Lucas will get information on actual cost before any decision is made.
- Elevator certified.
- Flags removed to be fixed.
- Church cleaning is being organized.

**Pastor's Monthly Report for January 2018:**

- Transfers In/Out-0; Baptisms-0; Deaths-Dennis Gosch-2/17/18-Memorial service 2/25/18 at Farber and Otteman Funeral Home; Hospital Visits-6; Homebound Visits-13; Member Home Visits-2; Weddings-0; Confirmation Adult/Children-0; Church and Communion attendance- see church info sheet.

**Old Business:** none

**New Business:**

- Eric made a motion to select Neil Neitzke as delegate to the Camp Okoboji Annual Meeting on April 7, 2018. Lucas seconded. Motion carried.
- We have received official work from State that the safety valve on new boiler system is not in compliance. Wingers has been notified. If we do not hear from them by 2/15/18 Lucas will contact locally to fix the valve.
- Eric asked if we will consider have a ADE (automatic defibrillator) available at church for emergencies. He will get actual cost for the next meeting.
- Pastor stated that churches are making plans for emergency situations and suggested that be considered.

Meeting adjourned with the Lord's Prayer.

Attending: Pastor Pobanz, Fred Bruns, Eric Yunginger, Karen Neitzke, Pat Laursen, Lucas Johnson, Sheila Grote, Sandy Zimmerman, Kay Christian.

Respectfully submitted, *Karen Neitzke, secretary*



## Anniversaries

### *Birthdays*

2	Konda Slagle	17	Jayci Graeve
3	Carter Niehaus	18	Betty Luckow
3	Donald Hatch	19	Carson Rudd
5	Justin Gosch	20	Oscar III Kreft
6	Heather Wagner	21	Noel Nehman
8	Andrew Hutchinson	21	Carson Auen
9	Matt Myers	23	Virgil Lauritsen
10	Bernice Friesth	23	Merle Oxley
10	Kevin Kitt	24	Joshua Hatch
11	Michael Schramm	25	Denise Opsal
11	Cheryl Gerry	26	Shawnee McAhren
11	Annette Green	28	Samantha Nissen
12	Paul Meyer	28	Roger Jensen
12	Sarah Zimmerman	28	Raegan Bettin
12	Tom Harman	29	Joni Bentsen
14	Brent Graybill	29	Marion Dettmann
14	Rebecca Schade	30	Robert Bumsted
		31	Mason Scharn

*Myron & Marjorie  
Glasnapp  
3/28/1948  
70 yrs.*



*Larry & Marilyn  
Mahler  
3/20/1976  
42 yrs.*

### **THE LUTHERAN CHURCH MISSOURI SYNOD-STEWARDSHIP MINISTRY**

Hudson Taylor, a Nineteenth Century British missionary to China, is reported to have said, "God's work, done in God's way, will not lack God's supply." To know God's way, we need to know His Holy Word. Or to say it another way: you need to know your Bible.

St. Paul, before he spends two chapters on giving, wrote that every thought is to be taken captive to the obedience of Christ (2 Cor. 10:5).

Doctrine matters. And doctrine matters because the Scriptures matter. And the Scriptures matter because this is where we learn the teaching of Christ. Our thoughts must be brought into line with the teaching of Scripture so that our work is what God wants done and so that we do this work in His way.

A good tree bears good fruit. A bad tree bears bad fruit. We have been made good trees in holy baptism. We are fertilized and pruned for bearing good fruit by constantly hearing God's Word preached and taught in sermon and Bible Class and in receiving the life-giving, faith-sustaining food of the Lord's Supper. Remember your doctrine, hold on to the Lord's teaching, and your thoughts will be taken captive to the obedience of Christ.

Bringing every thought captive to the obedience of Christ is recognizing that God does provide. The Lord's Prayer teaches us to pray for daily bread. Praying this day in and day out reminds us that the Lord is the giver of our daily bread, and that we are to give thanks for His daily provision of it.

God is rarely early and never late in His work, as Abraham learned, "on the mount of the Lord it will be provided" (Gen. 22:14). The Lord's generosity forms our generosity in return. Thus, we set aside for the work of God a generous, first-fruits, proportion of the daily bread that God has given to us. This act of trust in the Lord's provision is the working out of our faith in Him.

When budgetary discussions pop up, our natural reaction is to point fingers. But remember your doctrine, and what your mother taught about pointing fingers. Our first natural reaction is not always right. In fact, when our thoughts are brought into captivity of Christ, our first reaction should be repentance.

It should raise questions in our own lives. As good trees in Christ who are to bear good fruit, we should ask whether our thoughts are taken captive by obedience to Christ. Have we given generously? Have we given our first-fruits? You know. And God knows. "For the eyes of the Lord run to and fro throughout the whole earth, to show Himself strong on behalf of those whose heart is loyal to Him" (2 Chron. 16:9).

God will provide. He always has and He always will. He gives His meat in due season. He has not left you as orphans, but has grafted you into His own family. You belong to Him. Remember this, letting this thought dwell in you richly. And you will then be rich toward others.



# Those Who Serve in March 2018

Date	Elder	Greeters	Ushers	Acolytes	Organist	Video Taping	Broadcasting
Sat. 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Todd Ernst	Patty Wirtjers	Lee & Annette Green	Keagan Bundt	Timothy Pobanz		
Sun. 4 <sup>th</sup>	Merlen Noess	Rebecca Peters	Nicole Ruge Brandon Langbein	Ryan Peterson	Timothy Pobanz	Neil Wedeking	Bruce Peterson
Wed. 7 <sup>th</sup>		Merlen & Carolyn Noess	Todd & Teri Luckow		Timothy Pobanz	Roger Jensen	
Sat. 10 <sup>th</sup>	Todd Ernst	Dean & Wanda Rydman	Neil & Karen Neitzke	Wyatt Kreft	Karen Neitzke		
Sun. 11 <sup>th</sup>	Mark Jansma	Marlene Lents	Merlen Noess Joe Langbein	Zachary Pearl	Karen Neitzke	George Kischer	Merlen Noess
Wed. 14 <sup>th</sup>	Todd Ernst	Steven and Jean Burns	Merlen Noess Kevin Hatch		Timothy Pobanz	Todd Ernst	
Sat. 17 <sup>th</sup>	Merlen Noess	Judy Pellersels	Mitch Dettman Madi Dettman	Tori Hutchinson	Pam Gehrig		
Sun. 18 <sup>th</sup>	Neil Wedeking	Reggie & Sarah Voyles family	Carson Ruge Dale Wegner	Nathan Pobanz	Pam Gehrig	Eric Yunginger	Merlen Noess
Wed. 21 <sup>st</sup>	Neil Wedeking	Neil and Jeanne Wedeking	Jeff & Dorothy Wirtjers		Michele Dettmann		
Sat. 24 <sup>th</sup>		Dana & Michele Dettmann	Jeff & Dorothy Wirtjers	Carson Rudd	Timothy Pobanz		
Sun. 25 <sup>th</sup>	Eric Yunginger	George & Lynda Kischer family	Todd & Teri Luckow	Katie Jansma	Timothy Pobanz	Roger Jensen	Michele Dettmann
Thur. 29 <sup>th</sup>					Michele Dettmann	George Kischer	
Fri. 30 <sup>th</sup>					Michele Dettmann	Todd Ernst	
Sat. 31 <sup>st</sup>	<b>NO</b>	<b>SERVICE</b>	<b>NO</b>	<b>SERVICE</b>			
Sun. 1 <sup>st</sup>	Mark Jansma				Timothy Pobanz	Eric Yunginger	Bruce Peterson

# March 2018



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 5:30 Board of Education 6:00 Bible Investigation Class 7:30 Elders	7 1:30 Women of St. Paul  3:45 Midweek 5:00 Lenten Supper 6:00 Lenten Service	8 8:30 Women's Bible Study	9	10  6 Divine Service
11 9 Divine Service 10:15 Adult Bible Class Sunday School	12 <i>Pastor's Day Off</i>  5:30 Board of Trustees	13  6:00 Bible Investigation Class  7:30 Council	14  3:45 Midweek  5:00 Lenten Supper 6:00 Lenten 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
25 <b>Palm Sunday CONFIRMATION SUNDAY</b> 9 Divine Service Reception to follow 10:15 Sunday School	26 <i>Pastor's Day Off</i>	27	28  3:45 Midweek	29  6:00 <b>Maunder Thursday Service</b>	30  6:00 <b>Good Friday Service</b>	31  No Service
1 <b>Easter Sunday</b> 9 Divine Service	2 <b>APRIL</b>	3	4	5	6	7

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Return Service Requested

**St. Paul's Lutheran Church  
Enlightener**



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