

**April  
2018**

**St. Paul's Lutheran Church**  
Member Lutheran Church Missouri Synod- LCMS  
1112 Bailey Street, Sac City, Iowa ~ 712-662-7029  
Rev. Don Pobanz



**From Pastor:**

Paul and Timothy's greeting to the church at Philippi begins "Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>3</sup>I thank my God in all my remembrance of you, always in every prayer of mine for you all making my prayer with joy, because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now" (Philippians 1:2-3).

I echo this thought as I also thank God for your partnership with me in the sharing of the gospel, not just within our own membership, but also as opportunities arises, with others. And so I likewise remember with joy each of you as I pray for you.

Each one of us have sinful human flesh. We often look to our own thoughts, our own desires, what we like instead of what is best for the kingdom of God. And even when we do think of the kingdom of God, our human nature wants to impose our own thoughts and preferences. These urges fight against us each and every day. For the spirit is willing, but the flesh is weak.

Unfortunately many times our

desires conflict with other people's desires. And that conflict can affect our relationships, not just with others, but also with our relationship with God. That relationship with God is the most important relationship. But our relationship with others often reflects our relationship with God our Savior. Jesus loves us even to the point of death. Giving us the forgiveness of our sins makes our relationship with God very special.

I thank God that you are righteous before Him. And the relationship you have with God is the same relationship that we would like for others to have with God as well. In order to do that, God would have there be order within the church. Order doesn't mean no conflict. There will be conflict. And conflict in and of itself is not bad. What is bad is when conflict results in damaged and destroyed relationships, relationships with each other, but even more importantly our relationship with God.

God would have us get along always. God would have us share His Word, that through it the Holy Spirit would work faith in

others and expand His kingdom.

And I pray for each one of you. I pray that as you face the bumps and bruises of this world, that the one thing needful will always be yours, that you would run the race so as to receive the prize. And that along the way you would encourage those around you.

Together we will finish the race. And though the world, the devil and our sinful flesh would lead us astray, He is faithful. He will see us through. And I will continue to pray for each one of you.

God's Blessings,  
Pastor Pobanz



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# Sunday School

There still has been great attendance in Sunday School. Our sin is much like a chain that binds us. The chains of sin are described as being replaced with tremendous joy. For the Sunday School children this is Good News that our sin is forgiven in Christ and we have been set free from sin's deadly curse. The Sunday School children have learned our identities are all different. God has made each one of us as His unique creations.

*Perfect Attendance for February:*

Preschool – grade 1: none

2<sup>nd</sup> - 4<sup>th</sup> grade: Cooper Auen, Max Roseberry,  
Sophie Roseberry

5<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> grade: Fern Pache, Katie Jansma  
*Sunday School Superintendent ~ Rebecca Peters*

# SPY'S



**St. Paul Youth** want to thank everyone who attended our Lenten supper and who bought Butter Braids. **Thank you** so much for your support!

St. Paul Youth are looking forward to a **hockey game** March 31<sup>st</sup> in Sioux City.



Join Us For  
Breakfast

We will be serving **breakfast** on **Easter Morning** prior to the church service. Please come join us to celebrate the resurrection of Jesus!

Youth Leaders, Kalyn & Lucas Johnson

## THE LUTHERAN CHURCH MISSOURI SYNOD-STEWARDSHIP MINISTRY

Our Father in heaven sent His Son, Jesus, to be our savior. His atoning sacrifice is the firstfruits of all the dead, a pleasing aroma to His Father – and ours – so that His perfect life and death count for all who believe in Him.

He claimed us as His own children in Holy Baptism. He sustains and strengthens our faith with His Holy Word and His Body and Blood. As new creatures, who have put on Christ, we bear good fruit. We do the good works prepared for us, which He makes known to us in His Word.

By faith then, trusting in the Word of God, we do what he says because He does not lie and always keeps His promises. For “without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to him must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who earnestly seek him” (Heb. 11:6).

And so the Lord promises: “Honor the Lord with your wealth and with the firstfruits of all your produce; then your barns will be filled with plenty, and your vats will be bursting with wine” (Prov. 3:9-10).

How do we honor the Lord with the wealth that God has given us in His generosity? By giving it generously to those whom the Lord has called us to love and support: your family, your society, and your church. And His promise is that in so doing, you will never lack.

I can almost hear it now: “But that’s from the Old Testament!” But our Lord Jesus Himself gives us similar promises in the New Testament. He says, at the conclusion of the parable of the talents, “For to everyone who has will more be given, and he will have an abundance” (Matt. 25:29).

And then at the end of the parable of the dishonest manager, he says: “One who is faithful in a very little is also faithful in much, and one who is dishonest in a very little is also dishonest in much. If then you have not been faithful in the unrighteous wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches? And if you have not been faithful in that which is another’s, who will give you that which is your own? No servant can serve two masters, for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and money” (Luke 16:10–13).

And in His sermon on the mount, he says: “Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal, but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also” (Matt. 6:19–21).

We have become conditioned against these promises because of their misuse by the peddlers of the prosperity gospel – the guys on TV who say you get rich by putting God in your debt. And thus, we miss out on the fact that God does reward temporal faithfulness in temporal matters with temporal blessings.

It’s no quid pro quo. It’s all from God’s grace, His fatherly divine goodness and mercy. But those Bible passages just quoted do in fact say what they say! It’s not the Old Testament’s problem. It’s ours. It is almost as if we have become so jaded against this that we think it a virtue to be stingy with our offerings.

But our Father in heaven still loves to bless those who bless others. He loves to give to those who give freely and generously. In fact, he challenges us to challenge Him: “Bring the full tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. And thereby put me to the test, says the Lord of hosts, if I will not open the windows of heaven for you and pour down for you a blessing until there is no more need” (Mal. 3:10).

And so, while we don’t give so that we would get, we do receive from the Lord in order to give, and He will bless your giving with more receiving. For “He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things” (Rom. 8:32)?



STEWARDSHIP  
COMMITTEE

The Annual Prayer Service was held in the Chapel led by Kay Christian and Lauri Pobanz.

The meeting was called to order by President Sue Dettman.

Secretary Lauri Pobanz read the minutes which were approved, and correspondence.

Treasurer Linda Case presented the financial report. There was a beginning balance of \$770.95. Income of \$231.97 giving a balance of \$1,002.92. Expenses totaled \$168.12 leaving an ending balance of \$834.80. The report was filed for audit.

**Old Business:**

-Thanks were given to Nora Birt and Lori Greenlee for the delivery of Valentine's flowers to the homebound members.

- Forty-nine people were served at the Lenten meal on February 21<sup>st</sup>. \$138.00 was collected.

-The Confirmation Reception was discussed. There will be 2 youth confirmands (Nathan Pobanz and Connor Noess) and 2 adult confirmands (Brian & Sonya Dierenfeld) along with 3 baptisms.(Sonya Dierenfeld, Noah Just, Paige Dierenfeld) Carolyn Noess and Lauri Pobanz asked that instead of having a separate reception by the ladies in the narthex area, that we combine the ladies and the family receptions. This was agreed upon, and the ladies will provide the cinnamon rolls, napkins, and casseroles as they did last year, and the families will provide the rest. All church members and guests are invited and encouraged to attend the reception in the Fellowship Hall.

**New Business:**

- The ladies have been asked to sign up to deliver Meals on Wheels. Marge Glasnapp will take care of organizing the delivery schedule.

- Camp Okoboji will be holding a Theme Basket Auction on April 7<sup>th</sup>. It was suggested by the camp to donate \$30 to purchase twin bed sheet sets if societies didn't want to make up a basket. A motion was made by Kay Christian and seconded by Rebecca Peters to purchase 2 sets.

- A motion was made by Kay Christian and seconded by Freda Meyer to provide a \$50 Love Offering to Lutheran World Relief. Motion carried.

-The LWML Spring Rally will be held in Lake View at Emmanuel on April 17, 2018. Registration and meal beginning at 5:30 p.m. Program will begin at 6:30 p.m. with Mark Gerken presenting on his trip to Ethiopia.

- Rebecca Peters asked if the ladies would provide a donation for her grandson's benefit on March 25<sup>th</sup> at Battle Creek, IA. He had surgery in February and will need more medical treatment. It was decided to let individuals donate as they wish.

- Sue Dettman thanked Kay Christian and Lauri Pobanz for leading the Prayer Service. And to Linda Case for playing the piano.

Judy Pellersells hosted this month, and Ethel Wolf will host in April.

The meeting closed with prayer.

Respectfully submitted, Secretary Lauri Pobanz



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

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

Pastor Pobanz presented a meditation based on John-Chapter 12 and followed with prayer.

Minutes from the February 13, 2018 council meeting were approved.

Pat Laursen reviewed the treasurer report. Report approved

Kay Christian reviewed the finance report. Report approved.

**Elders:** Eric Yunginger reported.

- Reviewed church membership attendance.
- Reviewed online survey responses. Twenty five responses at this time.
- Pastor presented a request by East County High School/Middle School related to coaching cross country.
- Reviewed upcoming confirmation of 2 children and 2 adults on March 25.
- Planning on sending a representative (Mark Jansma) to a security conference on April 23, 2018.

**Education:** Brenda Schramm reported that the board had not yet met this month.

- Council asked questions about how and when we will begin advertising for a preschool teacher. There were suggestions.

**Evangelism:** Denise Opsal reported.

- Continue to do birthday and anniversary cards. Asked the council members opinion about continuing to send cards to everyone. Council decided to continue as they have been doing.
- Denise had questions about women's role in church offices as related to president and elders. Questions were answered.
- Evangelism board has concerns about future of the church related to how to reach out to young people to attend and participate in church. Discussion followed.
- Plan on changing venue for "Church in the Park" to South Park in Sac City and hold the service earlier in the season.
- Evangelism board serving the Lenten supper on 3/14/2018.

**Stewardship:** Sandy Zimmerman reported.

- Continue to contact church members to be greeters.
- Serving the Lenten supper on 3/21/2018.

**Trustees:** Neil Neitzke reported.

- Will be replacing bulbs on arch of altar area.
- 2 rooms have peeling paint and plaster. The old choir loft and storage room off the balcony..
- Update on church cleaning on March 17.
- Youll's will be replacing 2 air conditioners in the sanctuary in April.
- Since no call from Wingers, MGM replaced safety valves on new boiler system.
- Replaced an extension tank at parsonage.

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

- Transfers In-0; Transfers Out- Nolan and Mari Kreft to Nixa, Missouri-February 7, 2018; Baptisms-0; Deaths-0; Hospital Visits-3; Homebound Visits-15; Member Home Visits-1; Weddings-0; Confirmation Adult/Children-0; Church and Communion Attendance-see church info sheet.

**Old Business:**

- Boiler update-see Trustee report.
- Eric updated council about AED. The cost will be \$1,325.00. Pat will check on Thrivent sources and Fred will check on Memorial Fund sources.
- Security plan for church will be looked at in May after Mark attends conference in April.

**New Business:**

- Kay Christian addressed lights in Chapel and counting room area. She offered to contact someone to have remote switch installed and also to provide funds to pay for the project. Neil made a motion for Kay to proceed. Eric seconded. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned with the Lord's Prayer.

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

*Respectfully submitted, Karen Neitzke, secretary*

# Birthdays

- 1 Scott Marczewski
- 1 Brian Marczewski
- 1 Michael Scharn
- 1 Todd Luckow
- 1 Michael Galbraith
- 3 Mark Petersen
- 3 Toni McAhren
- 3 Gloria Frehse
- 3 Mary Dowling
- 3 Sandra Dierenfeld
- 4 Steven Frehse
- 4 Gene Schramm
- 5 Bill Auen
- 7 Frederick Bruns
- 7 Brenda Schramm
- 9 Nicole Langbein
- 11 Randy Werner
- 11 Alan Buschmann
- 12 Duane Bauman
- 12 Kari Friedmann
- 13 Dylan Bruns
- 15 Justin Buschmann
- 15 Lana Myers
- 17 Linda Case
- 18 Reggie Voyles
- 18 Marva Fleshman
- 18 Glennadine Dettmann
- 19 Berlin Auen
- 19 Scott Hosteng
- 22 Boyd Adams
- 22 Jeanne Wedeking
- 22 Mathew Marshall
- 23 Keith Hines
- 24 Betty Albers
- 24 Kristin Hartje
- 24 Cathi Ringgenberg
- 24 Andy Corderman
- 25 Angie Kreft
- 25 Peyton Green
- 25 Margaret Coats
- 27 Millie Oxley
- 28 Kylie Rudd
- 28 Marilyn Mahler
- 28 Jill Lowe
- 28 Marissa Roseberry
- 29 Lindsay Rudd
- 29 Patti Thayer



## Anniversaries

*Paul & Susan Strong*  
4-03-1976 42 yrs.

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*Steven & Gloria Frehse*  
4-07-1972 46 yrs.

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*Roger & Sylvia Jensen*  
4-14-1962 56 yrs.

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*Matt & Lana Myers*  
4-16-1988 30 yrs.

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*Michael & Lori*  
*Galbraith*

4-26-1986 32 yrs.

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*James & Mary Dowling*  
4-28-1973 45 yrs.

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*Bob & Brenda Wilson*  
4-28-1991 27 yrs.

## Survey for all St. Paul's members and guests:

A Worship & Member Needs Survey has been designed to help the Board of Elders evaluate how well we are serving our members and guests at St. Paul's Lutheran Church.

*Please go to:*

[www.stpaulslutheransac.com](http://www.stpaulslutheransac.com)

*to complete a survey*

No personal information is collected (unless voluntarily left in a comment box), and all responses will remain anonymous. Please answer all questions truthfully, as we cannot help serve you better if we do not know an issue exists.

If you need access to a computer, please contact the office.

Again, all information collected by this survey is completely anonymous, and responses will be held confidential.

Thank You



**Vacation Bible School**  
**Monday, June 4 - Friday, June 8**  
**Final program Sunday, June 10**

A successful VBS takes many volunteers. Please prayerfully consider helping with VBS this year.

If you have any **questions** please contact  
**Director Sandy Wuebker** at 712-660-0004 or  
**Assistant Director Kristin Hartje** at 712-208-0101

**Thank you to all who attended the organizational meeting**

# Those Who Serve in April 2018

Date	Elder	Greeters	Ushers	Acolytes	Organist	Video Taping	Broadcasting
<b>Sat. 31<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>NO</b>	<b>SERVICE</b>	<b>NO</b>	<b>SERVICE</b>			
<b>Sun. 1<sup>st</sup></b>	Mark Jansma	Merlen & Carolyn Noess	Merlen Noess Fred Bruns	Nathan Pobanz	Timothy Pobanz	Eric Yunginger	Bruce Peterson
<b>Sat. 7<sup>th</sup></b>	Todd Ernst	Myron & Marjorie Glasnapp	Jeff & Dorothy Wirtjers	Keagan Bundt	Timothy Pobanz		
<b>Sun. 8<sup>th</sup></b>	Roland Harklau	Kurt & Lory Volkert	Todd & Teri Luckow	Ryan Petersen	Timothy Pobanz	Neil Wedeking	Merlen Noess
<b>Sat. 14<sup>th</sup></b>		Dorothy Blau	Mitch Dettman Madi Dettman	Wyatt Kreft	Michele Dettmann		
<b>Sun. 15<sup>th</sup></b>	Eric Yunginger	Neil & Jeanne Wedeking	Carson Ruge Dale Wegner	Noah Just	Michele Dettmann	Roger Jensen	Michele Dettmann
<b>Sat. 21<sup>st</sup></b>	Todd Ernst	Warren & Betty Albers	Lee & Annette Green	Tori Hutchinson	Timothy Pobanz		
<b>Sun. 22<sup>nd</sup></b>	Roland Harklau	Fred & Rosey Bruns	Dale Wegner Joe Langbein	Katie Jansma	Timothy Pobanz	George Kischer	Merlen Noess
<b>Sat. 28<sup>th</sup></b>		Chuck & Joan Zimmerman	Neil & Karen Neitzke	Carson Rudd	Timothy Pobanz		
<b>Sun. 29<sup>th</sup></b>		Lesa Ringgenberg	Nicole Ruge Rebecca Peters	Nathan Pobanz	Timothy Pobanz	Todd Ernst	Merlen Noess



# April 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>1</b> <i>EASTER SUNDAY</i> <b>8:00 Breakfast by Youth</b> <b>9:00 Easter Divine Service</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> 4:45 Board of Evangelism 5:30 Board of Education 7:30 Elders	<b>4</b> 1:30 Women of St. Paul 3:45 Midweek	<b>5</b> 8:30 Women's Bible Study 10:30 Parkview Communion Service	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> 6 Divine Service
<b>8</b> 9 Divine Service 10:15 Adult Bible Class Sunday School	<b>9</b> <i>Pastor's Day Off</i> 5:00 Trustees	<b>10</b> 7:30 Council	<b>11</b> 3:45 Midweek going to Mission Central	<b>12</b> 8:30 Women's Bible Study	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> 6 Divine Service
<b>15</b> 9 Divine Service 10:15 Adult Bible Class Sunday School	<b>16</b> <i>Pastor's Day Off</i>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> 3:45 Midweek	<b>19</b> 8:30 Women's Bible Study	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> 6 Divine Service
<b>22</b> 9 Divine Service 10:15 Adult Bible Class Sunday School	<b>23</b> <i>Pastor's Day Off</i>  <i>Newsletter articles due</i>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> 3:45 Midweek	<b>26</b> 8:30 Women's Bible Study	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> 6 Matins
<b>29</b> 9 Matins 10:15 Adult Bible Class Sunday School	<b>30</b> <i>Pastor's Day Off</i>	<b>1</b> May	<b>2</b> 1:30 Women of St. Paul 3:45 Midweek	<b>3</b> 8:30 Women's Bible Study	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> 6 Divine Service

He is Risen, He is Risen Indeed !



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Return Service Requested

*St. Paul's  
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