

# June/July 2018

*St. Paul's Lutheran Church*  
Member Lutheran Church Missouri Synod- LCMS  
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Don't just do something,  
stand there.

*Be still, and know that I am  
God* (Psalm 46:10a).

From a fellow pastor I heard the saying, "Don't just do something, stand there." The more I thought about it, the more the wisdom of that saying spoke to me. And a few weeks back, it was used in one of my sermons. What does this mean? It means that sometimes we do the most when we do nothing.

So often we want to be the ones in charge. We think that the church depends on us. If the church is doing well (whatever that means) then it is because of us. If the church is not doing well, that is again because of us. We like to think that the church belongs to us, that it is our baby. This is a temptation particularly for pastors. The temptation is

for us to get our self worth from people and their opinion of us.

But in reality the church does not belong to any person. It belongs to God. God is the owner. God is the one who makes it grow.

We celebrated Pentecost this past week. We were reminded of those words from the Nicene Creed, "I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life." It is the work of the Holy Spirit to give life, that is to work faith in a baby at his baptism, or in an adult as they hear the Word of God proclaimed. It is a work of the Holy Spirit to grow the church. And what role do we have in that? As Christians, we are merely servants of the Lord.

Our role is first and foremost of going to church where you 'don't do something', rather, you stand there (or sit there) and receive God's gift of the

forgiveness of your sins.

Second, take your children where they participate in the divine service (sometimes in ways embarrassing to parents) so they too receive the forgiveness of their sins. Third, take your neighbor so they might be brought into contact with the Holy Spirit through God's Word. Fourth, share what God has done for you.

May you be still and experience the joy of just standing there, receiving forgiveness through the Holy Spirit. May you listen to that still quiet voice.

*In Christ,  
Pastor Pobanz*



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## 2018 Church Officers and Board Members

# Sunday School

God has Blessed the Sunday School year with his children attending and learning how much He loves them. When God led us to the waters of Holy Baptism, we were washed clean. Not on the outside, but on the inside. Our sins were washed away. Through water and God's powerful Word, we have been changed.

On Sunday May 13, the last day of Sunday School, Joan gave a demonstration with paper where she turned an airplane into a cross with the older children. The children took turns playing a game of throwing balls into a box while blindfolded with everyone talking them through it honestly. Then a couple of children were assigned to lead them astray. In this exercise it was discussed how it relates to everyday life. The younger children made Mother Day cards, and the older children played quiz bowl. Carolyn made special cupcakes and gave each child a snack bag to take home. Perfect Attendance Certificates were given to the children, and a gift given to each teacher, Pastor Pobanz, and Timothy Pobanz.

Thank you to the Sunday School students, teachers, and congregation for their offerings for our missionaries: Rebecca Schoff, and the Adam DeGroot family. Each will receive half of the \$1966.79 that was collected. May God bless and protect our missionaries.

Children, have a safe and fun summer. Remember God is with you all the time, so you can pray to Him anytime and He will hear you.

Perfect Attendance for April:  
Preschool-1st grade : Madilyn Ruge, Kenzie Crum  
2nd-4th grade: None  
5th-8th grade: Katie Jansma, Nathan Pobanz

***Sunday School Superintendent,  
Rebecca Peters***

# SPY'S



The youth went to a hockey game in Sioux City, and bowling here in Sac City. They also went Pizza Ranch in Storm Lake to celebrate Donaven Ehlers graduation and move to Colorado.

We will welcome confirmands Nathan Pobanz, and Connor Noess into the group this fall.

Last months financial report was incorrectly labeled April when it was actually the March report

## Financial Report April

### General Account

Beg Month	Balance	29634.62
Deposits		26317.56
Checks		20977.43
<b>BALANCE</b>		<b>34974.75</b>

### Memorial Fund

Beg Month	Balance	15788.88
Deposits		12.68
Checks		0
<b>BALANCE</b>		<b>15801.56</b>

### Thrivent

Beg Month	Balance	2,640.20
Deposits		1,816.00
Checks		0
<b>BALANCE</b>		<b>4,456.20</b>

### Savings Account

Beg Month	Balance	3,833.26
Deposits		0
Checks		0
<b>BALANCE</b>		<b>3833.26</b>

Pastor Pobanz led a Bible Study, "Comfort Ye, Comfort Ye, My People" from the Women's Quarterly. Co-President Sue Dettman called the meeting to order.

Secretary Lauri Pobanz read the minutes, they were approved as read.

The Treasurers report was presented by Linda Case. There was a starting balance of \$574.44. Income was \$182.35 and expenses totaled \$368.60, leaving a balance of \$388.19. It was filed for audit.

Old Business:

\*Marge Glasnapp has looked into coffee makers, she will find one to replace the faulty one.

\*The Spring Rally was held at Emmanuel in Lake View on March 17<sup>th</sup> with the theme of "Oh How Wide and Long and Deep is the Love of Christ". Rev. Mark and Ruth Gerken presented on their trip to Ethiopia. There were 53 women, 7 pastors, and 3 guests in attendance. \$343 was collected for offering. Rev. Paul Ferderer of Lake City is the new circuit pastor for Iowa West District LWML.

\*It was decided to hold a reception for the graduates regardless of known attendance of graduates on May 6. Coffee cakes, muffins, and rolls will be served, along with coffee, juice, and chocolate milk.

\*Marlene Lents, and Lauri Pobanz will be attending the District LWML Convention in June as delegates for our group.

New Business: none

Birthdays and anniversaries were recognized.

The meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer and Common Table Prayer.

Marlene Lents and Lauri Pobanz hosted

Our next meeting will be held on June 6<sup>th</sup>, 1:30 p.m. at Oak Terrace, who will be our host.

There will be no meeting in July, we will meet again on August 1<sup>st</sup> at the church.

*Respectfully submitted, Lauri Pobanz, secretary*

**FROSTY LEMON SQUARES**

**Lauri Pobanz**

**CRUST:**

- 1 package Pecan Sandie cookies, crushed fine
- 1/3 C. melted butter

- 6 tablespoons cornstarch
- 1/4 teaspoon salt

**CREAM CHEESE LAYER:**

- 2 pkg. 8 oz *each* cream cheese, softened
- 3/4 C. confectioners' sugar
- 1-8 oz. carton frozen whipped topping, thawed

- 1-1/4 cups water
- 2 tablespoons butter
- 3/4 cup lemon juice
- 3 to 4 drops yellow food coloring, optional

**LEMON LAYER:**

- 1-1/2 cups sugar

**TOPPING:**

- 1-8 oz. carton frozen whipped topping, thawed

**Directions**

1. In a small bowl, combine the cookie crumbs and melted butter. Press into an ungreased 13-in. x 9-in. baking dish. Bake at 350° for about 10 minutes or until edges are lightly browned. Cool completely on a wire rack.
2. In a large bowl, beat cream cheese and confectioners' sugar until fluffy. Fold in whipped topping. Spread over crust. Cover and freeze for 1 hour.
3. Meanwhile, in 2 qt. saucepan, combine the sugar, cornstarch, salt and water until smooth. Bring to a boil; cook and stir for 2 minutes or until thickened. Remove from the heat; stir in the butter, lemon juice, and food coloring if desired. Transfer to a bowl; chill for 1 hour.
4. Spread lemon mixture over cream cheese layer. Cover and freeze for 1 hour. Spread over lemon layer. Cover and freeze for up to 1 month. Remove from the freezer 15 minutes before serving. Cut into squares. Yield: 12-15 servings.

## St. Paul's Lutheran Church Council Meeting Minutes

May 8, 2018

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

Pastor Pobanz presented a meditation on who, why, when, where, and for whom do we pray. This was followed by prayer.

Minutes from the April council meeting were approved.

Treasurer report was presented by Carolyn Noess. Report Approved.

Finance report was presented by Kay Christian. Report Approved.

Elders: Eric Yunginger reported.

- Did monthly review of church membership.

- Online survey is closed. Elders will be preparing a report on results in near future.

- Pastor will be gone first Saturday in June.

Education: Brenda Schramm reported.

- Sunday School and Midweek will be ending for the summer this month.

- VBS is June 4-10. Offering will go to purchase products for the Outreach Center.

Evangelism: no report

Stewardship: no report

Trustees: Neil Neitzke reported.

- Men's downstairs bathroom repairs are completed.

- Sacristy air conditioner has been installed and is working.

- Will be replacing the flag pole rope which is out of the pulley.

- Timothy and Nathan Pobanz will be mowing the lawn this summer.

- Trustees will be repairing the walls and ceiling in the old choir loft & upstairs music room.

- Garbage container on east side of church will be replaced.

Pastor's Monthly report for April 2018:

Transfers out- Jim O'Tool, April 4 to Prince of Peace Lutheran Church in Corinth, Mississippi; hospital visits- 1; homebound visits- 18; member home visits- 2;

Old Business:

- Eric stated the Sac Ambulance needs a purchase order for the AED before they order it. This will be done.

New Business: none

The meeting was adjourned with the Lord's Prayer

Attending: Fred Bruns, Pastor, Eric Yunginger, Karen Neitzke, Neil Neitzke, Carolyn Noess, Brenda Schramm, Kay Christian

*Respectfully submitted, Karen Neitzke, secretary*

# Birthdays

## June

2 Killian Heuertz  
2 Virginia Blass  
3 Madilyn Ruge  
4 Zachary Geery  
6 Shelby Geery  
7 Jeremy Hutchinson  
8 Kyla Wirtjers  
8 Neil Neitzke  
9 Neil Garrels  
11 Ruth Bauman  
14 Brandi Wirtjers  
14 Judy Gustafson  
15 Roger Baas  
16 Raeann Batz  
17 Tony Hutchinson  
17 Naomi Judd  
17 Sue Penniman  
17 Lauri Pobanz  
17 Cindy Ewing  
17 Anessa Welch  
18 Delores Ellis  
19 Freda Meyer  
26 Vern Kowalke  
26 Rebecca Peters  
26 Derek Ringgenberg  
27 Drew Horton  
28 Malia Auen  
28 Douglas Sorenson  
28 Mark Schramm  
28 Kalee Jenkins  
29 Brian Dierenfeld  
29 Ethel Wolf  
29 Eric Noess  
29 Judy Hines  
30 Kim Buschmann

## July

2 Dorothy Jarvis  
2 Michael Jenkins  
6 Chris Conderino  
6 Stephanie Duitsman  
6 Darwin Huseman  
7 Abbie Watts  
8 Benjamin Ringgenberg  
8 Jeremy Buschmann  
9 Julie Kitt  
10 Kebin Thompson  
10 Robert Higgins  
12 Dillon Graeve  
16 Shellie Meyers  
18 Jordyn Lowe  
19 Jenna Starnes  
20 Paula Werner

21 Brenda Wilson  
23 Virginia Minnmann  
23 Brent Kreft  
24 Joan Stone  
24 Landon Voyles  
24 Steven Gerry  
24 Sue Dettman  
27 Kathy Adams  
28 Brenda Baas  
29 Brooke Tellinghuisen  
29 Katie Kitt  
29 Kaleb Kitt  
30 Matthew Scharn  
30 Annette Wallerstedt  
31 Larry Mahler

# Anniversaries

## June

*Scott & Linda Russell*  
6-1-1990 28 yrs.  
*David & Kristin Hartje*  
6-2-2012 6 yrs.  
*Galen & Sheila Grote*  
6-3-1988 30 yrs.  
*Dana & Michele Dettmann*  
6-3-2014 4 yrs.  
*Jon & Virginia Minnmann*  
6-10-1966 52 yrs.  
*Randy & Paula Werner*  
6-16-1978 40 yrs.  
*Jason & Angie Kreft*  
6-19-1993 25 yrs.  
*Nels & Shirley Hollander*  
6-20-1987 31 yrs.  
*Jacob & Sandra Schade*  
6-20-2009 9 yrs.  
*Larry & Nancy Bellcock*  
6-24-1972 46 yrs.  
*Michael & Sue Penniman*  
6-25-1966 52 yrs.

*Jason & Jill Lowe*  
6-25-1999 19 yrs.

*Royce & Linda Case*  
6-26-1966 52 yrs.

*Merlen & Carolyn Noess*  
6-27-1981 37 yrs.

*Boyd & Kathy Adams*  
6-27-1992 26 yrs.

*Todd & Teri Luckow*  
6-28-1997 21 yrs.

## July

*Charles & Donna Peyton*  
7-3-1976 42 yrs.

*David & Renee Gastelum*  
7-5-2002 16 yrs.

*Reggie & Sarah Voyles*  
7-5-2008 10 yrs.

*Steven & Jean Burns*  
7-6-1974 44 yrs.

*Oscar III & Sue Kreft*  
7-11-1981 37 yrs.

*Gary & Belinda Mikkelson*  
7-11-1981 37 yrs.

*Michael & Lora Scharn*  
7-12-2014 4 yrs.

*Douglas & Robin Batz*  
7-17-1958 60 yrs.

*Thorben & Cindy Duitsman*  
7-17-1981 37 yrs.

*Neil & Jeanne Wedeking*  
7-20-1975 43 yrs.

*Keith & Judy Hines*  
7-24-1954 64 yrs.

*Mike & Barbara Johnson*  
7-4-1971 47 yrs.

*If your name or special date is incorrect, please contact the office*

## **The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod LCMS Stewardship Ministry**

*By Rev. Jason Braaten, Immanuel Lutheran Church - Tuscola, Ill.*

“There are three conversions necessary to every man: the head, the heart, and the purse.” Attributed to Luther, though yet to be located in his vast writings, this statement echoes what Jesus taught about hearts and treasures. He said, “For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also” (Matthew 6:21; Luke 12:34).

But which conversion comes first? I submit that the order is this: first the head, then the purse, then the heart. Let me explain.

Our Lord Jesus Christ dwelt among us to save us. He took on our flesh, fulfilled the demands of the law in our place, became sin for us, and suffered torture and death on our behalf, in order that we would be free from sin, death, and hell. He gives us what He accomplished through Baptism, Absolution, and the Lord’s Supper.

And so, He doesn’t just do it for us but gives it to us, makes what He did ours by making us His. Thus, we are called by His name: Christians. We have a new life in Him.

Through the preaching of Law and Gospel, God grants us repentance, a changing of our minds. It is a conversion of the mind. We are called to turn away from our sins and turn toward Him for forgiveness, life, and salvation. For when God calls us away from something, He is, at the same time, calling us to something.

And thus, He calls us to a new life, with new deeds. This is the conversion of the purse. Jesus said that “it is easier for a camel to enter through the eye of a needle than for a rich person to enter the kingdom of God” (Matthew 19:24). “For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.”

Notice that our hearts follow our treasures, not the other way around. As Christians, God calls us to invest our treasures in His Kingdom to ensure that the gospel is preached and the sacraments are administered. He calls us to share all good things with the one who teaches us the doctrines of Christ. He calls us to be generous in giving to the church, for it is more blessed to give than to receive.

So where is your treasure? If it is not invested in the kingdom of God, then the only response is repentance—a conversion of the heart—and to begin doing just that. And as our Lord promised, where your treasure is there your heart will be also.

This is not to say that you earn your way into heaven. It is simply to say that as Christians, those who have been made to be temples of the Holy Spirit, who have been given a new life in Christ, who are dead to sin and now alive in Him, we are, actually, to live — think (conversion of the mind), do (conversion of the purse), and be (conversion of the heart) — a new life in Him.

And when you fail, know that God in Christ loves and forgives you and still calls you away from that and to Himself.



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## **Attention Thrivent Policy Holders!**

Thrivent Financial has a program called *Thrivent Action Teams*.  
Our church has needs that the Action Teams would greatly benefit

Sunday School Materials

Kitchen Supplies

Church Music

Paint & Paint Supplies

Christmas Sacks for Kids

An example: You lead a volunteer team to host a beginning of the Sunday School year in September and supply donuts and juice for the children, the church will receive a \$250 Visa card to use to purchase Sunday School supplies. It is simple to do. If you are interested in pursuing this, have questions, or need help getting started, please give me a call.

**Pat Laursen 712-662-7910**

You may use 2 Action Teams a year so think of our community and needs others may have

Sac City Fire Dept.

Sac County Fair

Sac City Library

Sac County Outreach

Howard Center Inc.

# Those Who Serve in June/July 2018

Date	Elder	Greeters	Ushers	Organist	Video Taping	Broadcasting
Sat. 2 <sup>nd</sup>		Sandy Zimmerman	Mitch Dettman/Madi Dettman	Timothy Pobanz		
Sun. 3 <sup>rd</sup>		Roland Harklau	Todd & Teri Luckow	Timothy Pobanz	Todd Ernst	Bruce Peterson
Sat. 9 <sup>th</sup>		Paul & Sue Strong	Lee & Annette Green	Timothy Pobanz		
Sun. 10 <sup>th</sup>		Rebecca Peters	Brandon Langbein/Rebecca Peters	Timothy Pobanz	Neil Wedeking	Merlen Noess
Sat. 16 <sup>th</sup>	Todd Ernst	Merle & Millie Oxley	Neil & Karen Neitzke	Timothy Pobanz		
Sun. 17 <sup>th</sup>		Diane Graeve	Ross & Denise Opsal	Timothy Pobanz	Roger Jensen	Carson Ruge
Sat. 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Todd Ernst	Don & MaryEllen Hatch	Kevin Hatch/Nicole Ruge	Michele Dettmann		
Sun. 24 <sup>th</sup>	Mark Jansma	Marlene Lents	Jeff & Dorothy Wirtjers	Michele Dettmann	George Kischer	Michele Dettmann
Sat. 30 <sup>th</sup>		Gene & Doris Berry	Lee & Annette Green	Timothy Pobanz		
Sun. 1 <sup>st</sup>		Dorothy Blaue	Merlen Noess/Matt Marshall	Timothy Pobanz	Eric Yunginger	Bruce Peterson
Sat. 7 <sup>th</sup>		Gene & Doris Berry		Timothy Pobanz		
Sun. 8 <sup>th</sup>		Kurt & Lory Volkert		Timothy Pobanz	Todd Ernst	Merlen Noess
Sat. 14 <sup>th</sup>		Harlen Schade		Timothy Pobanz		
Sun. 15 <sup>th</sup>		Fred & Rosey Bruns		Timothy Pobanz	Neil Wedeking	Carson Ruge
Sat. 21 <sup>th</sup>		Arlin & Geri Ringgenberg		Timothy Pobanz		
Sun. 22 <sup>nd</sup>		Lauri Pobanz		Timothy Pobanz	Roger Jensen	Merlen Noess
Sat. 28 <sup>th</sup>		Larry Peyton		Michele Dettmann		
Sun. 29 <sup>th</sup>		Merlen & Carolyn Noess		Michele Dettmann	George Kischer	Michele Dettmann

# June 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2  6 Divine Service
3 9 Divine Service	4 9:30-11:30 VBS	5 9:30-11:30 VBS  5:30 Board of Education 7:30 Elders	6 9:30-11:30 VBS  1:30 Women of St. Paul's @ Oak Terrace	7 9:30-11:30 VBS	8 9:30-11:30 VBS	9  6 Divine Service
10 9:00 a.m. VBS Closing Service	11 <i>Pastor's Day Off</i>  5:30 Trustees	12  7:30 Council	13	14	15 10:30 Parkview communion service	16  6 Divine Service
17 9 Divine Service	18 <i>Pastor's Day Off</i>	19	20	21	22	23  6 Divine Service
24 9 Divine Service	25 <i>Pastor's Day Off</i>	26	27	28	29	30  6 Divine Service





# July 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3 5:30 Board of Education 7:30 Elders	4 <i>Independence Day</i>	5	6	7 6 Divine Service
8 9 Divine Service	9 <i>Pastor's Day Off</i> 5:30 Trustees	10 7:30 Council	11	12	13	14 6 Divine Service
15 9 Divine Service	16 <i>Pastor's Day Off</i>	17	18	19	20	21 6 Divine Service
22 9 Divine Service	23 <i>Pastor's Day Off</i>  <i>Newsletter articles due</i>	24	25	26	27	28 6 Matins Service
29 9 Matins Service	30 <i>Pastor's Day Off</i>	31	1 August	2	3	4



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## St. Paul's Lutheran Church Enlightener



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