

August 2018

St. Paul's Lutheran Church

Member Lutheran Church Missouri Synod- LCMS
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Amen!

If you have ever been in a church where as the pastor is preaching or praying you hear 'amen' coming from the congregation, it can seem strange to our Lutheran ears. Why do they do that? Is it appropriate?

It would do us well to think about what 'amen' actually means. When praying, some think that the word 'amen' means the prayer is over, that it is time to move on to something else. But that's not what 'amen' actually means. Far from being a goodbye or a way to end a prayer, the word really just means, "It is true." In Luther's Small Catechism in the conclusion to the Lord's Prayer, Luther wrote, "*Amen, amen means 'yes, yes, it shall be so.'*"

And so, when someone adds amen, they are saying that what was said or prayed is true. That is an appropriate way to think about it. The pastor prays

petitions of a prayer and each petition ends with the congregations 'amen', meaning yes, yes, it shall be.

When we pray the Lord's Prayer, we whole heartily agree and so we add our amen. When you are dismissed from communion with the words, "*The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart in peace*" you add your 'amen.' This is saying that you agree, that it shall be so. Your amen acknowledges that you indeed received the very body and blood of your Lord and that the forgiveness you received will strengthen and preserve the whole you, both body and soul, to life everlasting. And so you have peace.

There is nothing wrong with our Christian brothers and sisters adding 'amen' as a word of affirmation in

the middle of a prayer. However, it isn't common in Lutheran circles and there would be culture shock if we were to hear loud amens coming from the congregation in the middle of a sermon. But even if we don't usually spontaneously add 'amen' during a service, it is still very appropriate to be added by the congregation sometimes.

The next time you're praying and say the word 'amen', don't think of it as an end to the conversation; rather, it is a reminder that our God is real and that He has heard everything you've just said.

Go in peace. Amen.

Pastor Pobanz

Can I
get an
Amen?

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Sunday School

Rally Day will be held on **Sept. 9**, 2018 from 10:15am-11:00am. Sunday School will resume the following Sundays from 10:15am-11:00am starting September 16th.

Our teachers this year are:

Preschool-grade 1: *Kristin Hartje*

2nd-4th grade: *Mark Jansma*

5th-8th grade: *Joan Stone*

High School students will attend Bible Study from 10:15am-11:00am with *Pastor Pobanz*.

Substitute teachers are *Lynda Kischer, Merlen Noess, Nicole Ruge and Carolyn Noess*. May God Bless the new year along with the teachers and the children!

Midweek will begin **Sept. 5th**. *Shelia Grote* will teach 5th & 6th grades, and *Pastor Pobanz* will teach 7th & 8th grade Confirmation.

Sunday School Superintendent,
Rebecca Peters



The youth are planning a trip to Adventureland on August 20. Meetings will resume September.



St. Paul's *Timothy, and Nathan Pobanz* attended "**Higher Things**" in Northfield, MN July 2-5. "Higher Things" is what I (Lauri Pobanz) would describe as an unapologetically LCMS Lutheran youth conference. The theme was **Sanctified** "You shall be holy to me, for I the LORD am holy and have separated you from the peoples, that you should be mine," (Lev.20:26). The mission of "Higher Things" is: (according to the handbook) "*to assist parents, pastors, and congregations in cultivating a distinctly Lutheran identity among their youth and young adults. We are convinced that youth need solid teaching and experiences that will nurture lasting Christian faith. Rather than treating youth as an adolescent subculture... "Higher Things" believes in challenging youth to learn the pure doctrine of the Christian faith. By teaching them the same message that they are already hearing at home and at church, youth grow in the fullness of the Christian faith as they come to appreciate historic liturgical practice and its unique focus on God's gifts of forgiveness, life, and salvation for us delivered in Word and Sacrament.*"

The conference consists of worship services, 11 of them! (Imagine 600 people singing "A Mighty Fortress is Our God"!) consisting of liturgy and traditional Lutheran hymns, and hearing the Gospel preached in its purity. There were 3 or 4 breakout sessions each day taught by pastors, on a wide variety of topics of interest to the youth in today's world. There were also a wide range of fun activities. Everyone was assigned to a group which competed over the 4 days in games, social media posts, etc. The boys had a lot of fun with various games, a "chant off" (pastors against kids), a talent show, and many other activities. We hope that others from St. Paul's will join us next year when each conference will be held at one of the Concordia Universities.

Women of St. Paul's Minutes

The Women of St Paul's met June 6, 2018 at 1:30 p.m. at Oak Terrace with eleven members present. Pastor Pobanz began with devotions from the Women's Quarterly on Peace Makers.

The meeting was called to order by co/president Freda Meyer.

Secretary Lauri Pobanz read the minutes which were approved as read. Correspondence was also read.

Treasurer Linda Case presented the treasurer's report. We had a starting balance of: \$388.19. Income was \$157.70. Expenses totaled \$352.70 leaving an end balance of \$193.19.

Old Business:

LWML Convention – Marlene Lents and Lauri Pobanz will be attending. They are to take a bra in their own size. Marge Glasnapp will provide a box for the pound sale.

The Senior reception was attended by 30-35 people.

A new coffee machine is on it's way, the old one will be donated to camp.

New Business:

A motion was made by Rebecca Peters, and seconded by Lauri Pobanz to have a bake sale. Motion carried.

The sale will be July 21st and 22nd before and after services.

Becky Diersen has resigned as co/vice president. A volunteer is being sought to replace the position.

Birthdays and Anniversaries were recognized.

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

The meeting was hosted by Oak Terrace

Our next meeting will be August 1, 2018 at 1:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

Doris Berry and Rebecca Peters will host.

Respectfully submitted, Secretary Lauri Pobanz

The Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod LCMS Stewardship Ministry

When it comes to stewardship, a favorite Bible verse is the account of the widow's mite (Luke 21:1-4). It's a moving account. Our Lord praises the seemingly small gift of two copper coins given by a poor widow above the abundance of gifts given by the rich, saying, "Truly, I tell you, this poor widow has put in more than all of them" (Luke 21:3).

And that is usually where we stop. But the text goes on. "For they all contributed out of their abundance, but she out of her poverty put in all she had to live on" (Luke 21:4).

"She ... put in all she had to live on." She gave everything. She held nothing back. She trusted that the Lord who made her and all creatures, who gave her everything she had, who redeemed her from her own sin, from death, and the power of the devil, who called her by the Gospel and enlightened her with His gifts of Word and Sacrament, would continue to do this. He would provide her with all that she needed for this body and life because that is the character of the God she had.

But this is not why we give small gifts. Her gift, though it appeared small, was actually large. When we are tempted to give small gifts it is precisely because we want them to be small! We don't trust the Lord to provide for us.

We give small gifts because we lack faith in the One who created us, redeemed us, sanctifies and keeps us in the one true faith. We give small gifts because we doubt that God will really give us what we need and desire. We give small gifts because we are not content with what God has already given.

We are not slaves, children of the slave woman, under the Old Covenant (Gal. 4). We are adopted sons of the free woman.

And since we are sons, we are also heirs. And heirs receive the inheritance. For everything is already ours in Christ. And thus, moved by the willing spirit of adoption, we do the will of God in financial matters far beyond all that done by those under the Old Covenant who were forced by legal demands.

So what have you decided to give? How do I decide what to give? Let the Scriptures be your guide.

We are to give proportionally to what we have received from God's giving to us (Luke 12:48; 1 Cor. 16:1-2, 2 Cor. 8:12). But you have not been set free to give nothing. See that you excel in the grace of giving (2 Cor. 8:7).

We are not free to live selfishly outside the Gospel, without regard for God who gives us all good gifts, without generosity for our neighbor who needs us and our gifts, without supporting the community of faith in which we live, without care for our spiritual fathers and those who teach and help raise our children in the faith, without resources for the poor and needy – in short, we are not free to live unto ourselves, hoarding what God has given us only for us.

For love is the fulfillment of the law (Romans 13:10). And the sum of the law is this: Love God and love your neighbor (Matt. 22:34-40).

We love because He first loved us. We give because He has given to us.

Luther once said, "Possessions belong in your hands, not in your heart" (LW 14:240). There is a reason your 10 fingers spread apart. With your hands you catch God's gifts for what you need and let the rest fall through your fingers to your neighbors – your family, your friends, your community, your church.



St. Paul's Lutheran Church Council Meeting Minutes

July 10, 2019

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

Pastor presented a devotion based on Acts Chapter 6. This was followed by prayer.

The minutes from the June council meeting were approved as printed in the Enlightner.

Pat Laursen reviewed the treasurer's report. Balances: General Account-\$28,406.09; Memorial Fund-\$16,106.77; Thrivent Account-\$4,484.20; Savings Account-\$3835.65.

Kay Christian reviewed the finance report of deposits for June at \$13,813.00

Elders: did not meet. No report.

Education: no report

Evangelism: no report. Council members made positive comments about the church's float that was in the parade on 7/7/2018.

Stewardship: Sandy Zimmerman reported that they had a coffee after church on 7/8/2018 and served between 20-25 members.

Trustees: Neil Neitzke reported that Dean Rubendall had been here to check the leaks from church roof on the education building. He will return to check another small leak in hallway of church and to check on leak at the parsonage. The parsonage deck will be power washed and sealed. The two A/C units have been installed and are working.

Pastor's monthly report for June 2018: Hospital Visits-5; Homebound Visits- 17; Member Home Visits-1.

Old Business: Fred reported that the AED unit has been placed on shelf just outside the double doors to sanctuary. There will be an educational program at the voter's meeting in September. Fred asked for update on the 2019 budget process and the nominating committee. The copies of the present budget are available to the committees. There was no report about the progress of the nominating committee.

New Business: none

Meeting adjourned with the Lord's Prayer.

Attending: Pastor, Fred Bruns, Neil Neitzke, Gary Langbein, Karen Neitzke, Pat Laursen, Sandy Zimmerman, Kay Christian, Carolyn Noess.

Respectfully submitted, Karen Neitzke, Secretary

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General Account 411488

Bank Statmnt		38424.03
Oustndng Ckecks		10017.94
BALANCE		28406.09
Beg Month Balance		37951.51
Deposits		13519.58
Checks		23065
		0
BALANCE		28406.09

Thrivent 1013734

Bank Statmnt		4484.2
Oustndng Chcks		0
BALANCE		4484.2
Beg Month Balance		4484.2
Deposits		0
Checks		0
BALANCE		4484.2

Memorial Fund 411504

Bank Statmnt		16106.77
Oustndng Ckecks		0
BALANCE		16106.77
Beg Month Balance		15804.24
Deposits		302.53
Checks		0
BALANCE		16106.77

Savings Account 3077152

Bank Statmnt		3835.65
Oustndng Chcks		0
BALANCE		3835.65
Beg Month Balance		3833.26
Deposits		2.39
Checks		0
BALANCE		3835.65

August Birthdays

2	Reed Tellinghuisen	20	James Henson
2	Mike Johnson	20	Nicole Ruge
3	Jon Minnmann	21	Cindy Wuebker
5	Marjorie Glasnapp	21	Orville Von Ehwegen
6	Nora Birt	22	Gary Langbein
6	Galen Grote	22	Mary Ellen Hatch
8	Wyatt Kreft	22	Doris Berry
8	Kay Christian	24	Reggie Ringgenberg
9	Ryan Cook	25	Larry Peyton
10	Kyle Ellis	25	Brooke Frehse
10	Marie Hospelhorn	26	Laura Zimmerman
11	LaVon Boysen	27	Carter Rudd
12	Ronnie Huseman	28	Jeffrey Kreft
13	Liam Crum	28	Samantha Crum
13	Rusty Mauer	29	Herbert Mahler
13	Wayne Luckow	29	Eric Yunginger
14	Janet Schultz	31	Betty Pickel
17	Keith Diersen	31	Eric Hunziker
18	Diane Mason	31	Marianne Carlson
19	Bill Dierenfeld III		

Anniversaries

Scott & Lori Greenlee
8-2-1980 38 yrs.

Duane & Ruth Bauman
8-5-1972 46 yrs.

Douglas & Keri Geery
8-5-2000 18 yrs.

Alan & Kim Buschmann
8-7-1982 36 yrs.

George & Lynda Kischer
8-10-1999 19 yrs.

Lee & Annette Green
8-11-1990 28 yrs.

Reggie & Lesa Ringgenberg
8-16-1997 21 yrs.

Don & Mary Ellen Hatch
8-19-1961 57 yrs.

Todd & Stacy Ernst
8-20-1988 30 yrs.

Donavon & Rebecca Dettmann
8-21-1976 42 yrs.

Marlin & Bonnie Henson
8-23-1964 54 yrs.

David & Cindy Wuebker
8-27-1983 35 yrs.

Larry & Sandra Tellinghuisen
8-29-1981 37 yrs.

If your name or special date is incorrect
please let the church office know.

Those Who Serve in August 2018

Date	Elder	Greeters	Ushers	Organist	Video Taping	Broadcasting
Sat. 4 th		Dorothy Blau	Lee & Annette Green	Timothy Pobanz		
Sun. 5 th		Donavan & Becky Dettmann	Nicole Ruge Brandon Langbein	Timothy Pobanz	Todd Ernst	Bruce Peterson
Sat. 11 th	Todd Ernst	Virgina Blass	Jeff & Dorothy Wirtjers	Pam Gehrig		
Sun. 12 th		George & Lynda Kischer	Merlen Noess Joe Langbein	Pam Gehrig	Neil Wedeking	Merlen Noess
Sat. 18 th	Todd Ernst	Roger & Brenda Baas	Mitch Dettman Madi Dettman	Michele Dettmann		
Sun. 19 th		Neil & Jeanne Wedeking	Ross & Denise Opsal	Michele Dettmann	Roger Jensen	Michele Dettmann
Sat. 25 th		Chuck & Joan Zimmerman	Neil & Karen Neitzke	Timothy Pobanz		
Sun. 26 th		Marlene Lents	Carson Ruge Brandon Langbein	Timothy Pobanz	George Kischer	Carson Ruge



*But my God shall supply
 all your need according
 to his riches in glory
 by Christ Jesus.*
 Philippians 4:19



August 2018

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



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