



St. Paul's Lutheran Church

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

September 2018

In the US about 30 hospitals close each year with no end in sight. This has a big impact on rural America where these closings are taking place. It got me thinking about how fortunate we are to have a hospital with good doctors here in Sac City .

But not only hospitals are being affected by changing demographics in rural areas. Another area being impacted are churches. While this includes churches of all denominations, our primary concern is of our sister churches in the Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod (LCMS), for we are bound together. We are in altar and pulpit fellowship, meaning that a pastor from one LCMS church can go and preach and celebrate the Lord's Supper in another LCMS church. Though we have fellowship with other church bodies both in the U.S. and throughout the world, we have the most contact with those congregations that are close to us geographically.

And so the closing of two LCMS congregations in the Iowa District West last year did not go unnoticed. Even though it may become necessary at times to close a congregation, it is not the first choice, especially for those who are members. So, going forward, how will we work together with other congregations to make sure that the Word of God is taught in its truth and purity and

the sacraments are faithfully administered to as many people as possible? Are there arrangements that would be mutually beneficial to multiple congregations?

This is where it would be good for us as a congregation to consider what role we might play with other congregations. Just for a matter of reference, it would be beneficial to look at what some other congregations have done. Trinity Lutheran (Algona) and St. John (Burt) created a partnership to enrich the ministries of both churches. Trinity called a second pastor who would split his service between the two churches. While this arrangement might not work everywhere, it is an example of what is working in one place.

As the demographics continue to change in our part of the state, how might our LCMS congregations work together to serve God's people. Is there an arrangement that could be made to allow a congregation to continue even though they can not call a full time pastor. We have had dual and tri parishes for many years, but beyond that, would it make sense to have 2 pastors serving 2 or 3 churches in some kind of arrangement.

We are reminded in God's Word, "¹²Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassionate hearts, kindness,

humility, meekness, and patience, ... ¹⁴And above all these put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony.

¹⁵And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body. " (Colossians 3:12-17)

The theme of the Iowa District West convention of the LCMS earlier this summer was, "Bound Together in Christ's Love" based on Colosians 3:12-17. We are not just a bunch of independent congregations. What happens to one of our sister congregation has an impact on others.

We are one body as we share in the joys and challenges of the LCMS, we have so much to offer others. May each one of you consider what that is, not just in your personal lives, but also for us as a congregation. And as issues arise for us as a congregation, or as they arise in our sister congregations, may we keep an open mind about how God might use each congregation to be a blessing to other congregations.

May we be as the Macedonia congregation (see 2 Corinthians 8) that so abundantly helped another in their time of need.

May the Lord bless you, that you may be a blessing to others.

*In Christ,
Pastor Pobanz*

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Sunday School Report

by Sunday School Superintendent
Rebecca Peters

"Walking With Team Jesus" is the theme for **Rally Day** which is to be held on **Sunday, September 9, 2018** from 10:15am-11:00 in the fellowship hall. A Thrivent Action Team will host Rally Day. All children, ages 3 through 8th grade, are invited to come to Sunday School. We will do a skit, play a game, chose a mission or missionaries and enjoy a snack together. The offering collection will be for the chosen missionary. The M & M prayer will be shared with the children. Clementine basketballs, crispy baseballs, soccer cupcakes and a snack bag

along with apple juice will be served to the children.

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

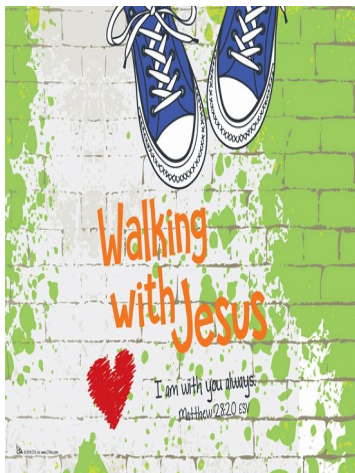
5th-8th grade: Joan Stone
High School students will attend Bible Study from 10:15am-11:00am with Pastor Pobanz.

Midweek begins **September 5th at 3:45**, for **grades 5-8**. Snacks will be provided.



St. Paul Youth are ready to start another year. With busy summer schedules we didn't meet regularly, but are looking forward to meeting again. Our start of the year trip to Adventureland was canceled due to rain, but we will try again on Sunday Sept. 2nd. We will meet again on Sept. 12 to elect officials, paint new member blocks and package medicine bottles. Please keep our youth in our prayers as we start a new year!

Youth Leaders
Kalyn & Lucas Johnson



Thrivent Action Team and St. Paul Lutheran
Sunday School Rally Day
for children, ages 3 through 8th grade

"Walking with Team Jesus"
Sunday, September 9,
10:15-11:00 a.m.

Introduction by Pastor Pobanz

Sunday School Teachers will be presenting
the opening lesson/skit and game

Come meet the Teachers! Sing a new song!

Snack will include Clementine basketballs, crispy baseballs, soccer cupcakes and juice.



Take home a "Walking with Jesus" flying disc and a snack pack to enjoy!

Minutes from Women of St. Paul meeting August 1, 2018 Members present 13

The meeting began with a Bible Study with Pastor Pobanz on *Hold on to His Promises*, from the Women's Quarterly. If someone asks how you are doing, you can say I'm doing well because of what Christ did for me.

The meeting was called to order by co-president. Sue Dettman.

The secretary report and correspondence was read by secretary Lauri Pobanz. Minutes were approved.

Treasurer Linda Case presented the treasurers report for June/July. There was a beginning balance of \$193.19. Income was \$1,772.46. Expenses totaled \$295.55, giving an ending balance of, \$1,670.10. The report was filed for audit.

Old Business:

-Marlene Lents and Lauri Pobanz presented a skit on what they learned at the Iowa West District LWML Convention, at Camp Okoboji in June. The theme was, On Christ the Solid Rock.

-The Bake Sale was held July 21st and 22nd before and after services. The sale was successful and the ladies wish to thank everyone for their support. The leftovers were sent to Camp Okoboji for the staff to enjoy. Lauri Pobanz delivered them to the camp, and reported that they did indeed enjoy them.

-Marge Glasnapp purchased a new coffee maker.

New Business:

-We no longer provide the treats for Parkview in October, but we can help serve.

-Flowers for the October LWML Sunday will be taken care of by an anonymous donor

-Next meeting will be held at 1:30 in the Fellowship Hall on September 5, 2018

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

Lavonne Boysen and Rebecca Peters hosted

Sylvia Jensen will serve in September.

Respectfully Submitted, Lauri Pobanz

The Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod LCMS Stewardship Ministry

It's September, and everything is in full swing again: back to school and back to church attendance after vacations and weekends away. And since everything is back into full swing, it's a perfect time to get back to basics, back to the foundation.

At the end of the first of his chapters on the virtue of faith in Mere Christianity, C.S. Lewis provides a helpful reminder, by way of analogy, for the foundation of stewardship. He wrote: Every faculty you have, your power of thinking or of moving your limbs from moment to moment, is given you by God. If you devoted every moment of your whole life exclusively to His service you could not give Him anything that was not in a sense His own already. So then, when we talk of a man doing anything for God or giving anything to God, I will tell you what it is really like. It is like a small child going to its father and saying, "Daddy, give me six pence to buy you a birthday present." Of course, the father does, and he is pleased with the child's present. It is all very nice and proper, but only an idiot would think that the father is six-pence to the good on the transaction. When a man has made these two discoveries God can really get to work. It is after this that real life begins. (128–129).

This is the first thing we are given to confess about stewardship, and it has to do with ownership. God owns everything, and we are simply managers — stewards — acting on His behalf. This is true not only of all that we have in this life (Deuteronomy 8:17–18), but also all that we are in this life (1 Corinthians 6:20).

The rest flows from here. Since we are stewards, or managers, of what belongs to God, entrusted to make use of it according to His will, there is an expectation of responsibility and accountability.

For the Lord said, "Everyone to whom much was given, of him much will be required, and from him to whom they entrusted much, they will demand the more" (Luke 12:48b).

And from this comes blessing and reward: "Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master" (Matthew 25:21).

We have everything we need to support this body and life from our God's fatherly divine goodness and mercy, without any merit or worthiness in us. We have everything we need for our spiritual life also from His merciful hands.

On account of the sacrifice of His Son, our Lord Jesus, through the preaching of the gospel and the administration of the sacraments, we have the forgiveness of sins, eternal life, and everlasting salvation delivered to us with absolute certainty that it is ours — not as stewards but as sons (Galatians 4:1–7).

Let us then, as His own sons, press all that He gives to us into the service of His church and to His glory.



St. Paul's Lutheran Church Council Meeting Minutes

August 14, 2018

Vice President Gary Langbein called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.
Pastor Pobanz presented a meditation on Mark Chapter 3, followed by prayer.
Minutes from the July 10, 2018 council meeting were approved.
Pat Laursen reviewed the treasurer report. Report approved.

General Account- \$18,878.75
Memorial Fund- \$16,225.97
Thrivent Fund- \$4,484.20
Savings Account- \$3,835.65

Kay Christian reviewed the finance report. Report Approved.

Elders: Eric Yunginger reported

One transfer approved. Discussed active shooter training and how it would apply to our church. Eric will contact someone from the EMS staff to provide an educational training on the use of the AED that was purchased. This will be at our Annual Voter's Meeting.

Education: Brenda Schramm reported

Sunday School Rally Day will be September 9th with a theme of "Walking with Team Jesus". First day of SS will be September 16th. Midweek will start September 5th with Sheila Grote teaching 5th and 6th grades. Pastor will be teaching 7th and 8th grades. VBS had 59 children. SPY's are going to Adventureland on August 20th and will resume meeting in September.

Evangelism: no report

Stewardship: Sandy Zimmerman reported

The next fellowship coffee will be scheduled in September. They discussed different ways to contact greeters for church.

Trustees: Neil Neitzke reported

The leak on the church roof has been repaired. Trustees have replaced water stained tiles. Tim Peters trimmed the tree in front of the church. Mark Petersen will paint the windows in the SPYs room.

Pastor's monthly report for July 2018

Transfers in- 0; Transfers out- Kenny & Joni Bentsen to St. Peter's, Sac City; Released from membership- 0; Baptisms- Chloe Elizabeth Bodholdt, daughter of Joel and Tiffany Bodholdt, July 22, 2018; Deaths- Deloris Ellis, July 11, 2018, funeral July 16, 2018; Hospital Visits- 9; Homebound Visits- 18; Member Home Visits- 18; Weddings-0; Confirmation Children/Adults- 0; Church and Communion attendance- see church info sheet.

Old Business:

Pat led a review of the proposed budget and several revisions were made. The council will look at proposed budget again at the September council meeting and then it will be presented at Annual Voter's Meeting on September 16th for final approval. Ballot of officers for 2019 has not been completed at this time. Committee is still contacting members. Kay reported the switch in the chapel area has been installed.

New Business:

Motion made by Eric to approve Carolyn Noess's attendance at the Administrative Assistants Conference and to pay the cost of attending. Pat seconded and motion carried.

Neil made motion to adjourn the meeting. Eric seconded and motion carried.
Meeting adjourned with the Lord's Prayer.

Attending: Gary Langbein, Brenda Schramm, Eric Yunginger, Sandy Zimmerman, Kay Christian, Neil Neitzke, Karen Neitzke, Pat Laursen, Pastor Pobanz

Respectfully submitted, Karen Neitzke, secretary



- 3 Sidney Ringgenberg
- 4 Lori Galbraith
- 5 Thomas Herrig
- 5 Carol Grau
- 6 Lynda Kischer
- 6 Dale Wegner
- 6 Jacob Schade
- 8 Linda Werkmeister
- 8 John Ripley
- 9 Sandra Wuebker
- 9 Brance Frehse
- 10 Russell Pautsch
- 11 Tina Zimmerman
- 11 JoAnna McAhren
- 12 Aiden Musgrave
- 13 Gavin Galbraith
- 14 Douglas Batz
- 16 Barbara Johnson
- 17 Michael Auen
- 17 Harlan Schade
- 18 Jeffrey Niehaus
- 18 Danelle Fellers
- 19 Susan Henson
- 19 Ashley Crum
- 20 Lisa Marczewski
- 20 Kyle Greenlee
- 21 Lee Green
- 23 Glenn Pickel
- 23 Virginia Thompson
- 23 Connor Noess
- 25 Sheri Kowalke
- 26 Lora Scharn
- 27 Makayla Ernst
- 28 Chad Peterson
- 28 Duane Carlson
- 28 Joe Bentsen
- 30 Sydney Ernst

*Gene & Margaret
Schramm
9-02-1956 62 yrs.*

*Vernon & Sheri Kowalke
9-15-1993 25 yrs.*

*Robert & Lindsay Rudd
9-04-2004 14 yrs.*

*Dale & Freda Meyer
9-15-1996 22 yrs.*

*Darwin & Tammy
Huseman
9-05-1987*

*Elmer & Janet Schultz
9-19-1958 60 yrs.*

*Justin & Whitney Bettin
9-10-2016 2 yrs.*

*Herbert & Terri Mahler
9-21-1974 44 yrs.*

*Harlan & Lorine Schade
9-26-2009 9 yrs.*

July Treasurer's Report

General Account

Bank Statmnt	39383.1
Oustndng Ckecks	20504.35
BALANCE	18878.75
Beg Month Balance	28406.09
Deposits	13875.71
Checks	23403.05
	0
BALANCE	18878.75

Thrivent

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

Memorial Fund

Bank Statmnt	16225.97
Oustndng Ckecks	0
BALANCE	16225.97
Beg Month Balance	16106.77
Deposits	119.2
Checks	0
BALANCE	16225.97

Savings Account

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



Those Who Serve in September 2018

Date	Elder	Greeters	Ushers	Acolytes	Organist	Video Taping	Broadcasting
Sat. 1 st		Steve & Jean Burns	Jeff & Dorothy Wirtjers	TBD	Timothy Pobanz		
Sun. 2 nd		Rebecca Peters	Rebecca Peters Merlen Noess		Timothy Pobanz	Eric Yunginger	Bruce Peterson
Sat. 8 th	Todd Ernst	Dean & Wanda Ryder	Mitch Dettman Madi Dettman		Timothy Pobanz		
Sun. 9 th	Merlen Noess	Kurt & Lory Volkert	Todd & Teri Luckow		Timothy Pobanz	Todd Ernst	Merlen Noess
Sat. 15 th	Todd Ernst	Dana & Michele Dettmann	Lee & Annette Green		Michele Dettmann		
Sun. 16 th	Mark Jansma	Roger & Sylvia Jensen	Merlen Noess Joe Langbein		Michele Dettmann	Neil Wedeking	Carson Ruge
Sat. 22 nd		Betty Luckow Terri Higgins	Neil & Karen Neitzke		Timothy Pobanz		
Sun. 23 rd	Merlen Noess	Loren & Sandy Wuebker	Nicole Ruge Dale Wegner		Timothy Pobanz	Roger Jensen	Michele Dettmann
Sat. 29 th		Sandy Zimmerman	Mitch Dettman Madi Dettman		Timothy Pobanz		
Sun. 30 th		Reggie & Sarah Voyles Family	Ross & Denise Opsal		Timothy Pobanz	George Kischer	Merlen Noess

More Nominees Needed

The Nominating Committee is currently seeking nominees for the Boards of **Elders, Finance, Trustees, Stewardship, Education, and Evangelism, in addition to Council Vice President and Secretary.**

If you are interested in serving on a board, please contact **Neil Wedeking, Roland Harklau, George Kischer, or Lora Scharn** as soon as possible.

Thank You

~Church in the Park~

hosted by the Evangelism Committee

Saturday, September 22

FURNISHED FOOD SERVED AT
5:30 P.M. WITH SERVICE TO FOLLOW



Invite everyone!

friends, neighbors,
fellow church members,
and their families

South Park Shelter House

(behind the pool off 12th St.)

September 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
26 9 Divine Service	27	28	29	30	31	1 6 Divine Service
2 9 Divine Service	3 <i>Labor Day</i> <i>Pastor's Day Off</i>	4 7:30 Elders	5 1:30 Women of St. Paul 3:45 Midweek	6 10:30 Parkview Communion Service	7	8 6 Divine Service
9 9 Divine Service 10:15 Sunday School Rally Day Adult/Youth Bible Class	10 <i>Pastor's Day Off</i> 5:30 Trustees	11 7:30 Council	12 3:45 Midweek 7:00 SPY's	13	14	15 6 Divine Service
16 9 Divine Service 10:15-11 Sunday School Adult/Youth Bible Class 2:00 Voter's Meeting	17 <i>Pastor's Day Off</i> <i>Newsletter articles due</i>	18 6:30 Board of Education	19 3:45 Midweek	20	21	22 5:30 Meal Service in the Park to follow (Shelter house at South Park , behind the pool)
23 9 Divine Service 10:15-11 Sunday School Adult/Youth Bible Class	24 <i>Pastor's Day Off</i>	25	26 3:45 Midweek	27	28	29 6 Matins Service
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➔ **Don't Forget, VOTER'S MEETING September 16 at 2 p.m.**

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St. Paul's Lutheran Church Enlightener



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