



St. Paul's Lutheran Church

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Does The Reformation Apply Today?

On October 31st, we will celebrate the the 501st anniversary of the Reformation. As any history teacher will tell you, the Reformation covers many facets of society including both religion and politics. Because the church had both religious and political responsibilities, it was at the center of society and hence the center of the Reformation. Not surprisingly the church had then, as it does today, sinful human beings running it.

One of the problems was that the church was adding to and subtracting from the Bible. By listening to those who should have been leading the people in righteousness, people were being led astray. This is the primary issue that Martin Luther was addressing when he nailed the 95 theses to the Wittenberg church door.

Today, "churches" also lead people astray. The issue for us is what is the appropriate response of the church to non-Biblical teachings within churches in our own church body (LCMS) as well as non-Biblical church teachings within other church bodies?

These heretical teachings permeate society and pretty soon many, or most of our members think they are true. For example, a common thought is that when

people die, they become angels and watch down over their loved ones on earth. This is a nice thought and many people find comfort by thinking this, many people would like it to be true. But is it true? What does the Bible say?

I recently asked our confirmation class whether they would like to have their pets with them in heaven. All hands went up saying they would like to have their pets with them. But will they be in heaven? What does the Bible say?

We could pick out a hundred different areas where popular culture tells us one thing and the Bible says something different. Many people in our society are Universalists. They believe that all people will end up in heaven regardless of the path taken. To believe this means that we must ignore major portions of the Bible, or explain away major portions of it.

Of course, this assumes that people know what the Bible teaches. But to really know what the Bible teaches, one must read it, hear it read, meditate on what it teaches.

Do you believe the Bible when it says you are a sinner? Do you believe that because of your sin, you deserve eternal punishment? When the Bible teaches that there is only one way to heaven and

that is through Jesus Christ, God's own Son, do you believe it? Do you believe that those who don't believe will spend eternity in Hell?

Part of the Reformation had to do with what was being taught by man, instead of learning what the Bible said. In Luther's day a primary issue was the selling of indulgences which, contrary to scripture, told people that sins were forgiven, and souls were sprung into heaven based on buying indulgences. This led to Martin Luther posting his '95 Theses' on the church doors in Wittenberg.

In today's world, it isn't indulgences. There are other issues, but all of them originate from people (including pastors) not knowing what the Bible says, or not believing what the Bible says.

During this Reformation season, may our Lord give us His Word to hear. For as the Bible promises us, "faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ" (Romans 10:17). So our response to those who change God's Word is to set our feet firmly on God's Word.

Peace be with you, Pastor Pobanz

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Sunday School Report

Twenty-one children attended "Walking with Team Jesus" Rally Day. The children signed their name on a star upon arrival then pinned it on the bulletin board. Pastor Pobanz told us that we are all on Team Jesus because HE picked us, and that being on Jesus team means we win, that is that we have eternal life! Joan and Annette did a skit about when a ball is pitched and the bat hits it--it turns in the opposite direction--with purpose. But unlike the ball Jesus goes with us every step of the way.

The Sunday School children decided to support two missionaries. They are:

Hannah Shull who serves the Lord through The Lutheran Church--Missouri Synod (LCMS) as a missionary in Taiwan. and

Jonathan and Anita Clausing who have been called to serve their Lord and Savior in the country of Kenya, and in Tanzania and Uganda. They will be home schooling their nine children: Elijah, Eileen, Eric, Ethan, Eunice, Ernie, Ellie, Emil and Emmanuel.

Each child was given a key chain which had a Cross on the front with Growing in Christ and the verse 2 Peter 1:2 written on the back. Each child who had a birthday from the months June thru September was given a Happy Birthday tag to put on their key chain.

An offering was taken and team sport related snacks were served.

I would like to say **THANK YOU** to the Sunday School Rally Day "Walking with Team Jesus" helpers:

Annette Green, Sheila Grote, Kristin Hartje, Mark Jansma, Sylvia Jensen, Carolyn Noess, Merlen Noess, Nicole Ruge, and Joan Stone.

A special thank you to Carolyn Noess for making the crispy baseballs, soccer cupcakes, "Team Jesus" activities, and decorations. Thank you to Sylvia Jensen for using her Thrivent Action Team for Sunday School Rally Day.

~Sunday School Superintendent, Rebecca Peters

October is Pastor Appreciation month. Give Pastor Pobanz an encouraging word this month, pray for him, and let your gift be your presence in church.

SPY'S



The Youth have begun meeting on most Wednesdays.

We held election of officers, and our new officers are:

President: Timothy Pobanz

Vice President: Joe Langbein

Secretary: Sidney Ringgenberg

Treasurer: Haylee Nissen

Two youth have signed up for the District Youth Gathering in Des Moines in November, they will attend with Leader Lucas Johnson.

The theme is "Whatever!", based on Philippians 4:8-9.



Minutes from Women of St. Paul meeting September 5, 2018

8 members present

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

Minutes were read by Secretary Lauri Pobanz, approved as read. Correspondence was also shared.

The Treasurers report was read by Carolyn Noess for absent treasurer Linda Case. The beginning balance was \$1,670.10. Income was \$511.78 and expenses were \$289.52 leaving a balance of \$1892.36. Report filed for audit.

Old Business:

-If you are serving at Parkview you should be there at 2:30, or if you would like to join the sing a long, come at 2:00.

-The Fall Rally will be in Odebolt, at Trinity Lutheran Church, on September 18. The theme will be Bread of Life, and Rev. Dr. Brent Smith from Mission Central will be speaking about missionaries and their work, that Mission Central supports. Ingathering items are: underwear for men, women, and children. This includes panties, bras, socks, and underwear. They are no longer accepting ink cartridges.

-The Fall Retreat at Mission Central is September 22, 2018. If you have not already signed up, registration is closed.

-October 6/7 will be LWML weekend. We will be serving as greeters and ushers. Wear purple to show your support of LWML. Flowers have been arranged for.

-Brief discussion was held on having a fall event.

-There will be a chartered bus from Carroll, IA to Mobile, AL for the National LWML Convention in Mobile next June. If you are attending, and would like to ride the bus, a \$30 deposit will hold your seat.

New Business:

The Christmas Luncheon will be held December 8th with the officers hosting.

Birthdays and Anniversaries were recognized.

The meeting was adjourned and closed with the Lord's Prayer and the Common table prayer.

Hostesses were Sylvia Jensen and Kay Christian. Doris Berry will serve in October.

Next meeting October 3, 2018 at 1:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. All women are welcome.

Apple Brickle Dip

- 1 package (8 ounces) cream cheese, softened
- 1/2 cup packed brown sugar
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 1/2 to 3/4 C. English Toffee Bits
- 3 medium tart apples, cut into pieces for dipping

In a bowl, beat cream cheese, sugars and vanilla. Fold in brickle chips. Serve with apples. Refrigerate any leftovers. Also tasty on graham crackers.

**St. Paul's Lutheran Church Council Minutes
September 11, 2018**

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

Pastor led members in prayer

Minutes from the August council meeting were approved.

Pat Laursen reviewed the treasurer report. The report was approved. General

Account=\$19856.77;

Memorial Fund= \$16230.10;

Thrivent=\$4484.20; Savings Account=\$3835.65

Kay Christian reviewed the finance report. The report was approved.

Elders: Merlin Noess reported that Elders had not met last month but they were working on a summary of the survey members had completed earlier.

Education: Brenda Schramm reported that committee will not meet until next week and no report at this time.

Evangelism: Denise reported on Church in the Park which will take place on 9/22/2018. It will take place at the South Park. Committee is providing the meal with support of Thrivent. She encouraged everyone to attend to enjoy fellowship and good food. They are discussing plans for the upcoming Reformation event at the end of October.

Stewardship: Sandy Zimmerman reported that they are planning a Fellowship Coffee in October.

Trustees: Neil Neitzke reported the roofer will be here on Friday 9/14/2018 to recheck area of flat roof where another leak has occurred

Pastor's Monthly Report for August 2018:

Transfer Out: Larry/Nancy Bellock dated May 26 and July 26, released August 18, 2018;

Baptisms: Millie Christine Voyles, August 26, 2018, daughter of Reggie and Sarah Voyles;

Deaths: Steven Moeller, passed away on August 10, 2018, Memorial service, August 18, 2018,

Virgil Lauritsen, passed away on August 16, 2018, Funeral service, August 19, 2018;

Hospital Visits-1; Homebound Visits-23; Member Home Visits-1; Weddings-0; Confirmations-0; Church and Committee Attendance- se church info sheet.

Old Business:

➤ Council reviewed the proposed 2019 church budget. After several changes Pat made a motion to approve the proposed 2019 budget for presentation to Voter's on 9/16/2018. Denise seconded. Motion carried.

➤ Council reviewed the proposed 2019 ballot. After discussing different ways of helping members understand the duties of the offices Pat made a motion to approve the proposed 2019 ballot for presentation to Voter's on 9/16/2018. Denise seconded. Motion carried.

New Business: none

Meeting adjourned with the Lord's Prayer.

Attending: Denise Opsal, Sandy Zimmerman, Kay Christian, Brenda Shcramm, Pat Laursen, Merlin Noess, Fred Bruns, Neil Neitzke, Karen Neitzke, Gary Langbein, Pastor Pobanz, Carolyn Noess.

*Respectfully submitted, Karen Neitzke,
Secretary*

Newly Elected Officers for 2019

elected at the voter's assembly, September 16th

Vice President: Keith Diersen

Secretary: Sandra Wuebker

Board of Elders: Mark Jansma, Roger Jensen

Board of Education: Kristen Hartje

Trustees: Mark Petersen

Board of Finance: Marianne Carlson

Board of Evangelism: Sylvia Jensen

Board of Stewardship: Nora Birt

St. Paul's Lutheran Church Voter's Assembly Meeting Minutes

Sunday, September 16, 2018

President Fred Bruns called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m.

In Pastor Pobanz absence, Merlen Noess led us in prayer.

Minutes from the September 17, 2017 meeting were read by Carolyn Noess and were approved as read.

August treasurer report by Pat Laursen was given by Carolyn Noess. Report was approved. General Account \$19856.77; Memorial Fund \$16230.10 Thrivent \$4484.20; Savings Account- \$3835.65

Finance report by Kay Christian. Report was approved.

Old Business: None.

New Business:

- Fred Bruns and Eric Yunginger handed out the 2019 ballots. Fred asked for nominations from the floor. Carolyn Noess nominated Sylvia Jensen for Board of Evangelism, Eric Yunginger seconded. Sandy Zimmerman nominated Marie Hospelhorn for Board of Stewardship. Eric seconded. Eric Yunginger made a motion for nominations to cease and voting to proceed. Roland Harklau seconded. Motion carried. Voting proceeded. Results: Vice President, Keith Diersen; Secretary, Sandra Wuebker; Board of Elders, Mark Jansma, and Roger Jensen; Board of Education, Kristin Hartje; Board of Trustees, Mark Petersen; Board of Finance, Marianne Carlson; Board of Evangelism, Sylvia Jensen; Board of Stewardship, Nora Birt.
- 2019 proposed budget was reviewed by the voters. Voters were reminded that Thrivent Action Teams could be used to help with budgeted items and that Thrivent Choice Dollars must be designated by the owner to be given to St. Paul's. There was discussion and one correction was made, Item #530 from \$110 to \$260 due to increased use of the publication, My Devotions by Midweek. Eric Yunginger made a motion to accept the proposed 2019 budget as corrected. Roger Jensen seconded. Motion carried.
- Discussion was held on remaining air conditioning units and the funds available in memorial account. Eric made a motion to replace the last three units using memorial account funds. Roger Jensen seconded. Motion carried.
- Discussion was held on the use of screens in the sanctuary for viewing of the hymns. Eric Yunginger stated the video system was already set up to accommodate projector/screen system. President Fred Bruns tabled the discussion until Elders meet with Pastor.
- Discussion was held on the need to have younger people become more active in the church as our congregation is aging.
- Endowment Fund was reported by Roger Jensen. Balance is \$40,083.09. He mentioned it is to be used only for Capital Improvement Projects, Member Education, Missions, and the Youth.
- No report on Scholarship Fund

Pastor's Report:

Detailed report is filed with the minutes in the secretary's book. Eric Yunginger summarized Pastors report: 8 transfers out, 3 releases, 9 baptisms, 14 deaths, 1 wedding, 2 children/2 adults confirmed. St. Paul has 493 baptized members and 441 communicant members.

President's Comments:

Fred stated the continuance of fellowship before and after the services was important. We are encouraged by another successful VBS this year which reaches many children in our community. He mentioned that AED Training with Ben Ringgenberg is available after the meeting.

Meeting adjourned the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted, Carolyn Noess, secretary pro temp

The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod LCMS Stewardship Ministry

Why do we give? Is it simply because God commands us to? Or is there more to it? To be sure, the instruction and Word of God in the Bible says we should give, and this is sufficient to encourage us to give (Luke 6:38; Acts 20:35; 1 Cor. 16:2; 2 Cor. 8:7; Gal 6:6).

But there's more to it than just obligation. We're not just trying to fulfill a work of the Law. We are bearing fruits of the Spirit given to us by our Father in heaven through His Son our Lord Jesus Christ. In other words, we're not just doing what our Father said, we're also doing what He did.

Children emulate their parents. When they grow up they often carry many of the same mannerisms and characteristics as their parents, but there is more to it than that. Children copy their parents even on a more mundane level. They watch how their parents cross their legs, how they fold their hands, how they stand and sit and walk, how they do and say most everything.

And children try to copy it, which can be quite humorous when parents wish they wouldn't. It can be uncomfortable and embarrassing if a child copies or repeats something less than polite that they learned from a parent. Sitcoms thrive on these situations. It only happens because children emulate their parents because they want to be like them.

We are the children of God, by grace, through faith. In Holy Baptism, God the Father declares of us what He declared of Jesus at His Baptism in the Jordan: "You are my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased." God the Father claims us as His own. He takes away all our sins, and in exchange He gives us His righteousness, His purity, His holiness, and His Spirit, by which we cry out, "Abba, Father."

We are born again, born from above, born of water and the Spirit, to a new life in Christ as His children. We are sons of God in Christ, through Baptism. And since we are sons, we are heirs – heirs who share in the glory of the Son of God. The inheritance is ours because of the Father's grace and mercy, His generosity in sending His Son in time to save us for all eternity.

And this is why we give generously of our income to the work of the church. We want to be like our heavenly Father. We want to emulate His generosity by being generous ourselves. We give to the work of the Church because we have witnessed the generous giving of our Father in heaven.

More than that, we are recipients of it. It is because we have received God our Father's gifts that we desire to give ourselves. And His gifts are not just spiritual. They are temporal and earthly as well. As the Small Catechism teaches in the Fourth Petition of the Lord's Prayer:

"Give us this day our daily bread." *What does this mean?* God certainly gives daily bread to everyone without our prayers, even to all evil people, but we pray in this petition that God would lead us to realize this and to receive our daily bread with thanksgiving. *What is meant by daily bread?* Daily bread includes everything that has to do with the support and needs of the body, such as food, drink, clothing, shoes, house, home, land, animals, money, goods, a devout husband or wife, devout children, devout workers, devout and faithful rulers, good government, good weather, peace, health, self-control, good reputation, good friends, faithful neighbors, and the like."

In other words, God gives us everything we need for the care of both body and soul. His generosity knows no bounds. Therefore, we sit down at the beginning of the year, the beginning of the month, or the beginning of the week to set aside a generous portion of God's daily bread for His work in the Church.

We don't do this simply because He has commanded us so to do; it is because we, as His children by grace, want to emulate His generosity in our own lives. He is our Father; we are His children. And children want to be like their parents.



The Evangelism Committee will be participating in the
Trunk or Treat Event at the Chautauqua Park on
Saturday, October 27, 2018.

The Chamber Main Street Event will be held from
5:00 to 6:30 p.m. Come on out for a treat.



Birthdays

2 Makayla Miller
 3 Travis Mahler
 3 Katie Jansma
 7 Gary Mikkelson
 8 Alan Perry
 9 Matt Blass
 9 Easton Scharn
 9 Jody Hutchinson
 10 Jeff Wirtjers
 10 Christina Galbraith
 12 Robert Rudd
 13 Neil Wedeking
 14 Dana Dettmann
 14 Wanda Gerdes-Rislov
 14 Melissa Langbein
 15 Dorothy Blaue
 15 Jean Burns
 15 Lorraine Greenlee
 16 Dorothy Wirtjers
 19 Tiffany Marshall
 21 Michele Dettmann
 22 Lory Volkert
 22 Reuben De La O
 22 Larry Tellinghuisen
 22 Mickey Dettman
 22 Nancy Kreft
 23 Madison Dettman
 24 Brad Petersen
 24 Joe Langbein
 26 Mitchell Dettman
 26 Neida Lents
 27 Myron Glasnapp
 27 Emily Riedel
 27 Brandon Langbein
 28 Roland Harklau
 30 Bonnie Henson

Anniversaries

John & Sandra Zimmerman 10-01-1967 51 yrs.
Thomas & Judy Seieroe 10-19-1958 60 yrs.
Mark & Brenda Schramm 10-22-1988 30 yrs.
Mark & Jan Hosteng 10-25-1975 43 yrs.
Carson & Nicole Ruge 10-27-2012 6 yrs.



August 2018 Financial Report

General Account

Bank Statement		32432.69
Outstanding Checks		12575.92
BALANCE		19856.77
Beg Month Balance		18976.75
Deposits		13218.67
Checks		12338.65
		0
BALANCE		19856.77

Thrivent

Bank Statement		4484.2
Outstanding Checks		0
BALANCE		4484.2
Beg Month Balance		4484.2
Deposits		0
Checks		0
BALANCE		4484.2

Memorial Fund

Bank Statement		16230.1
Outstanding Checks		0
BALANCE		16230.1
Beg Month Balance		16225.97
Deposits		4.13
Checks		0
BALANCE		16230.1

Savings Account

Bank Statement		3835.65
Outstanding Checks		0
BALANCE		3835.65
Beg Month Balance		3835.65
Deposits		0
Checks		0
BALANCE		3835.65

Those Who Serve in October 2018

Date	Elder	Greeters	Ushers	Acolytes	Organist	Video Taping	Broadcasting
Sat. 6 th		Kay Christian Linda Case	Lee & Annette Green	Cooper Auen	Timothy Pobanz		
Sun. 7 th	Merlen Noess	Freda Meyer Sue Dettman	Todd & Teri Luckow	Keagan Bundt	Timothy Pobanz	Eric Yunginger	Bruce Peterson
Sat. 13 th		Paul & Sue Strong	Neil & Karen Neitzke	Tori Hutchinson	Michele Dettmann		
Sun. 14 th	Mark Jansma	Donovan & Becky Dettmann	Jeff & Dorothy Wirtjers	Katie Jansma	Michele Dettmann	Neil Wedeking	Michele Dettmann
Sat. 20 th	Todd Ernst	Rita Jenkins	Mitch Dettman Madi Dettman	Haley Jo King	Timothy Pobanz		
Sun. 21 st	Merlen Noess	Fred & Rosey Bruns	Carson Ruge Dale Wegner	Noah Just	Timothy Pobanz	Todd Ernst	Carson Ruge
Sat. 27 th	Todd Ernst	Merle & Millie Oxley	Lee & Annette Green	Wyatt Kreft	Timothy Pobanz		
Sun. 28 th		Dianne Graeve	Ross & Denise Opsal	Rylee Pearl	Timothy Pobanz	George Kischer	Merlen Noess

Attention Thrivent Policy Holders

Would you like to help out St. Paul's and not spend a dime? Thrivent Financial has a program called Thrivent Action Teams. Our church has needs that the Action Teams would be a great fit for, such as Kitchen Supplies, Church Music, and paint supplies, Christmas sacks for the children. These are just a few of the ideas. For example: You lead a volunteer team to host a beginning of the Sunday School year in September, and supply the snacks for the kids and the church will get a \$250 Visa card to use to purchase Sunday School Supplies. It is simple to do. If you have questions or need help, give me a call.

Pat Laursen 712-622-7910





October 2018



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30 9 Divine Service 10:15 Adult Bible Class Sunday School	1	2 6:30 Board of Education 7:30 Elders	3 1:30 Women of St. Paul 3:45 Midweek	4 8:30 Women's Bible Study	5	6 6 Divine Service
7 9 Divine Service 10:15 Adult Bible Class Sunday School	8 <i>Pastor's Day Off</i>	9 5:30 Trustees 7:30 Council	10 3:45 Midweek	11 8:30 Women's Bible Study	12	13 6 Divine Service
14 9 Divine Service 10:15 Adult Bible Class Sunday School	15 <i>Pastor's Day Off</i> <i>Newsletter articles due</i>	16	17 3:45 Midweek	18 8:30 Women's Bible Study	19	20 6 Divine Service <i>Fellowship Coffee to follow</i>
21 9 Divine Service 10:15 Adult Bible Class Sunday School	22 <i>Pastor's Day Off</i>	23	24 3:45 Midweek	25 8:30 Women's Bible Study	26	27 6 Divine Service
28 9 Divine Service 10:15 Adult Bible Class Sunday School	29 <i>Pastor's Day Off</i>	30	31 Reformation Day 3:45 Midweek	1 November 8:30 Women's Bible Study	2	3

Oh give thanks unto the Lord for He is good,
 for his steadfast love endures forever.

Psalm 136:1

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