



St. Paul's Lutheran Church

Member Lutheran Church Missouri Synod- LCMS
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November 2018

Liturgy

When you hear the word "liturgy" what do you think? This question gets many different responses. Because of the confusion, our hymnal does not use the term liturgy for the Communion Rites. Instead it calls them 'Divine Services'. We have a choice of 5 Divine services though here at St. Paul, we only use two of them, 'setting 1' and 'setting 3.' Some churches will use only 1 of the services, others will use 3 or more of them, depending on the week.

Divine means God and so another way of identifying the 'Divine Service' is the 'God Service.' It is where God serves us. The first thing to understand, then, is that we go to church, to the Divine Service, not for what you do toward God, but to receive from God. In the Divine Service, God provides His service for us. God comes to us in the reading, preaching, and proclamation of His Word and in His Sacraments of Baptism and Holy Communion. In worship, God gives His grace, and we respond with thanks and praise.

Within the Divine Service there are things that are Divinely mandated,

that is, that God mandates in His Word and there are things that have been made by human decisions. We have freedom in the human decisions, but just because there is freedom, does not mean that they should be changed just for the sake of change. We follow the Divine Service, not because it is the only way, but because we believe this ancient pattern of worship most clearly and beautifully serves the purpose of worship, to deliver the gracious gifts of God.

Stop and think about this. If a man wishes to marry a woman, it is common to buy her a diamond. But this diamond is not just dropped into the palm of her hand. Instead it is put in a setting in a ring. And that diamond ring setting brings out the beauty of the diamond. That is the purpose of the settings in the Divine Service: to highlight the beauty of the gracious gifts of God.

It is worth us remembering that there are two things that happen in the Divine Service. First, God serves us. That is, first and foremost He gives us the forgiveness of our sins. This is the Sacrament portion of the service.

In response to God serving us, we worship Him. We thank Him, praise Him, pray to Him. That is one of the reasons that we avoid the term 'Worship Service' since this only includes the side of the church service where we response to God.

Last month, I went to a continuing education class in Ainsworth, Nebraska where the topic was liturgy. The focus of this class was how liturgy is nothing new. There is liturgy in the Old Testament, liturgy in the New Testament, and liturgy in the early Christian Church. We continue this tradition, not because we have to, but because we can. It is another way to connect us to believers of other times and places. Together we worship God, not because we first loved God, rather, "we love because He first loved us" (1 John 4:19).

May you receive the blessing of the forgiveness of your sins each and every week through the Divine Service. And in response to that forgiveness, may you also love your neighbor in such a way that your neighbor may also regularly enjoy the blessings of forgiveness of his sins.

A fellow servant of the Lord,

Pastor Pobanz

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Sunday School Report

There has been good attendance in Sunday School. The children are learning from the Old Testament how God Creates a World and His People. God makes many promises to us in the Bible. He promises that He loves us and that He will never leave us. He also promised that he would send His Son, Jesus, into the world to die on the cross and rise again so that we could be forgiven of our sins and have eternal life. Did God keep that promise? He Sure Did! God also promises that one day Jesus will come back and we will live with Him forever!

The Sunday School children have been learning "This Is The Day" and "Kum BA YA" to sing in church on an up coming Sunday. The date of the Sunday has not been determined.

Perfect Attendance children were given a Perfect Attendance tag to put on their key chain.

Perfect Attendance for September:
Pre K-1st Kellen Johnson

Sunday School Superintendent- Rebecca Peters

St. Paul's Youth

St. Paul Youth continue to meet every other Wednesday with 6 youth in attendance. Donaven Ehler has returned from Colorado and joined us again – we are happy to have him back! We started a 3 part "Identity Theft" Devotion Series, starting w/Miss Have-It-All: and we've been playing games and enjoying spending time together.

We will meet this week & celebrate Reformation/Halloween w/pumpkin carving & games.

Timothy, Nathan, & Lucas are preparing to attend the District Youth Gathering in November. Please keep them in your prayers.

With heavy hearts, Lucas & I have decided to resign as High School Youth Leaders. Please prayerfully consider what you can do to help our youth program continue. These youth need someone they can relate and talk to, that cares for them, and their lives/aspirations.

God's blessings, Lucas & Kalyn Johnson

The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod LCMS Stewardship Ministry

Sometimes people don't like it when pastors talk about stewardship. For some, it hits too close to home. It is easier to talk about bad people in Washington, in history, or overseas than it is to think about what our daily life in Christ is supposed to look like – how we are supposed to love our neighbor.

The fact that we don't like hearing about stewardship certainly means we ought to face it. Here are a few simple and practical realities. God calls us to first-fruits, sacrificial giving. This means we should give off the top. We should set a percentage of our income as a deliberate gift for the work of the Church and give that first. We write the check to the Lord's work in the Church before we pay the mortgage or pay for our medicine or pay for anything else. We don't pay for all the stuff we need, and think we need, and then give from what is left over. That is the first-fruits idea. It is hard because we think we need all sorts of other things first. But that is the point of "sacrificial." Next, how could the starting point for Christian generosity and sacrifice really be anything less than a tithe – 10 percent? The ceremonial law of the Old Testament was never arbitrary. In the Old Testament, the Levites received this tithe so they could be full-time ministers. Does the New Testament have a ministry that is larger or smaller? It is far larger: "Make disciples of all nations" (Matt. 28:19).

And we are still to have a full-time ministry: "The Lord has commanded that those who preach the Gospel should make their living from the Gospel" (1 Cor. 9:14). So, if 10 percent was needed in the Old Testament, and we have a bigger mission need in the New Testament, how can we expect the Lord's work to be done on less than a tithe? First-fruits, sacrificial, generous giving – that's the way. We shouldn't fool ourselves into thinking that we've out-given God's goodness or that we've given plenty. We might be tempted to think so but consider – no one in the Church has given plenty because no one has given all. No one has died for his sins. Only the sinless Son of God did that. Or, as St. Paul said, bringing the Good News of Jesus into the discussion of our giving to support the Lord's work in the Church: "I say this not as a command, but to prove by the earnestness of others that your love also is genuine. For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that you by his poverty might become rich" (2 Cor. 8:8-9).

As you can see, what the Bible commands about our stewardship can sting. It's law, and the law shows our sins. It calls us to repentance. The law is meant to expose and accuse for the sake of showing us Christ and His fulfillment of the law. If first-fruits, sacrificial giving has you squirming, that's the point. In Mark's account of the feeding of the 5,000, Jesus took the disciples' five loaves and two fish and blessed them. It was nothing among so many, but, of course, it was plenty. Jesus makes something from nothing. Mark doesn't say that all the disciples gave Jesus all the bread they had. It is quite possible some of them held something back. But even if they did, that didn't stop Jesus from blessing them. Jesus makes something out of nothing.

He, who fed His people in the desert with Manna every morning, doesn't need their bread. But they need to give it. And what they give, however little it might be, however grudgingly they do so, He blesses it. He not only blesses those whom He feeds with it, but He blesses them, the givers – not just in that they wind up with (a basket full for each loaf) but that they learned to trust and rejoice in Him. The Lord gives, and the Lord takes away. The Lord gives abundantly or asks us to fast. We do not know what will happen. Blessed be the Name of the Lord. He does all things well and works all things together for good. The disciples don't give their bread to Jesus because it is a good investment. They give it because He is good, they love Him, and they trust Him. Let us go and do likewise.



STEWARDSHIP
COMMITTEE

Minutes from Women of St. Paul meeting October 3, 2018 1:30 p.m. 10 members present

Pastor began with a Bible Study from the Women's Quarterly. We learned that *mercy* is *not* giving you what you deserve, and *grace* is receiving what you *don't* deserve.

Co-president Sue Dettman called the meeting to order.

Secretary Lauri Pobanz read the minutes. They were approved as read.

Treasurer Linda Case presented the September finance report. We began with a balance of \$1892.36, income was \$43.12, expenses totaled \$184.12. Ending balance: \$1751.36.

Old Business

- Marge Glasnapp mentioned that it really takes two people to serve the snacks out at Parkview.
- LWML Sunday/weekend is October 6 and 7. We will hand out LWML items and the bulletins.
- Sue Dettman gave a summery of the Fall Rally at Odebolt.

New Business

- The Dessert Tea will be held November 3, 2018 at 1:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. The officers will head this up, and will be asking for help as needed. (This is amended from November 10th as there was a conflict with the church basement)

We will be displaying Nativities at the tea, so if anyone is willing to have theirs on display for the day, please let one of the officers know.

- We will serve the 1st Advent meal on Wednesday, December 5. It was decided to serve casseroles, salads, and bars.

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

Hostess was Marge Glasnapp

Next months hostesses will be Dorothy Blaue and Marge Glasnapp

Respectfully Submitted, Lauri Pobanz

Pumpkin Sheet Cake

Lauri Pobanz

1-16 oz. can pumpkin
2 C. sugar
1 C. oil
4 eggs, lightly beaten
2 C. flour
2 tsp. soda
1 tsp. cinnamon
½ tsp. salt

frosting:
3 oz. cream cheese
5 T. soft butter
1 tsp. vanilla
1¾ C. powdered sugar
3-4 tsp. milk, or cream

Beat pumpkin, sugar, and oil together. Add eggs, mix well. Combine flour, soda, cinnamon, and salt, and add to pumpkin mixture. Mix well, spread in a greased 15x10x1" pan, and bake at 350° for 25-30 min. or until tests done. Cool. Frosting: Combine all ingredients, frost cooled cake, sprinkle with nuts if desired.



St. Paul's Lutheran Church Council Meeting Minutes
October 9, 2018 @7:30 p.m.

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

Pastor Pobanz presented a meditation from the Lutheranism Book. Followed by prayer.

Minutes from the September council meeting were approved.

Pat Laursen reviewed the treasurer report. Report was approved. General Fund=\$24,145.88; Memorial Fund= \$16,263.84; Thrivent =\$4,508.00; Savings Account= \$3,839.03.

Kay Christian reviewed the finance report. Report approved.

Elders: Roland Harklau reported. Elders started a Bible study based on Galatians. Continue to work on survey. Continue to review list of delinquent members. Discussion on the future of our church as related to decreased attendance. Approved release of Nancy Murken.

Education: Brenda Schramm reported. The Sunday School children will sing in church either last Sunday of October or first Sunday of November. Roger Jensen will be training 5th and 6th graders to acolyte. SPYs- Kalyn and Lucas Johnson are resigning as leaders as of December 1, 2018. They are looking for new leaders. A thank you to Kalyn and Lucas for their past leadership.

Evangelism: Denise Opsal reported. Sixty people attended the church in the park on September 22, 2018. They enjoyed the meal that was provided as well as music. The shelter house at South Park is a very nice facility for this event. They are looking at doing this type of event in the spring in addition to the one in the fall. They would like the council members to participate. They will be doing a trunk or treat at the park on October 27th.

Stewardship: Sandy Zimmerman reported. They are planning a coffee on Saturday night church on October 20th.

Trustees: Neil Neitzke reported. He has talked with Jerry's about getting 3 more AC units for the sanctuary. Jerry will have the cost to us soon.

Pastor's Monthly report for September 2018: Transfers In/Out-0; Baptisms-Skyler Blake Wirtjers on September 15, 2018, daughter of Blake Allen and Teresa Lea Wirtjers; Deaths-0; Hospital Visits-2; Homebound Visits-13; Member Home Visits-0; Weddings-0; Confirmation Adult/Children-0; Church attendance and communion attendance- see attendance sheet.

Old Business: none

New Business: Pastor requested a chalice for homebound visits. He will get a cost for us. Carolyn Noess requested payment for hours spent at her secretarial conference in September. Request granted. Fred asked the council members to invite the new council members for next year to the next meetings. This will help with transition.

Fred discussed concerns about the poor attendance at the Annual Voter's Meeting. We need to come up with some solutions to encourage members to attend this important annual meeting. The members discussed times – location-how to get more information out to the members. Also talked about providing a meal.

Meeting adjourned with the Lord's Prayer.

Attending; Fred Bruns, Karen Neitzke, Neil Neitzke, Sandy Zimmerman, Denise Opsal, Brenda Schramm, Pat Laursen, Roland Harklau, Kay Christian, Carolyn Noess, Pastor Pobanz.

Respectfully submitted,
Karen Neitzke, Secretary

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- 1 Sando Scuito
- 1 Cindy Huebner
- 2 Jason Lowe
- 2 Tammy Huseman
- 4 Cindy Duitsman
- 5 Lyla Corderman
- 5 Paul Strong
- 6 Merlen Noess
- 6 Jan Hosteng
- 6 Sandra Schade
- 6 Royce Case
- 6 Brad Bentsen
- 7 Carolyn Mahannah
- 7 Dayton Jenkins
- 8 Cameron
- 8 Marczewski
- 8 Daryl Scharn
- 9 Thomas Seieroe
- 9 Warren Albers
- 9 Bailey Blass
- 10 Brock Kreft
- 10 RaeBeth Horton
- 10 Amy Noess
- 11 Ryan Zimmerman
- 11 Ryan Petersen
- 13 Haley Jo King



- 13 Michael Zimmerman
- 14 Jase Ruge
- 14 Kalyn Johnson
- 14 Stephanie Glasnapp
- 15 Tyler Schade
- 18 Scott Greenlee
- 19 Ilene Wedeking
- 21 Jason Kreft
- 22 Rita Jenkins
- 22 Cooper Auen
- 23 Sue Kreft
- 24 Nash Peterson
- 24 George Kischer
- 25 Teri Luckow
- 25 Dean Karnopp
- 28 John Zimmerman
- 28 Dennis Dettmann

If your special date is missing or incorrect, contact the office.

Steve & Cheryl Gerry
11-05-1983 35 yrs.

Duane & Marianne Carlson
11-07-1969 49 yrs.

Keith & Rebecca Diersen
11-08-1975 43 yrs.

Warren & Betty Albers
11-13-1960 58 yrs.

Bruce & Val Peterson
11-17-1979 39 yrs.

Larry & Vicki Peyton
11-23-1990 28 yrs.

Loren & Sandra Wuebker
11-29-2008 10 yrs.

General Account 411488

Beg Month	Balance	19856.77
Deposits		15157.15
Checks		10868.04
		0
BALANCE		24145.88

Savings Account 3077152

Beg Month	Balance		3835.65
Deposits			3.38
Checks			0
BALANCE			3839.03

Memorial Fund 411504

Beg Month	Balance	16230.1
Deposits		33.74
Checks		0
BALANCE		16263.84

Thrivent 1013734

Beg Month	Balance		4484.2
Deposits			24
Checks			0
BALANCE			4508.2

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~Thank You~

Thank you to all who gave me cards, gifts, and encouraging words, for Pastor Appreciation Month.
 Also for the fellowship coffee after church Saturday & Sunday.
 The chalice from the church for homebound visits is very much appreciated.
 ~Pastor Pobanz

Those Who Serve in November 2018

Date	Elder	Greeters	Ushers	Acolytes	Organist	Video Taping	Broadcasting
Sat Nov. 3 rd		Judy Pellersels	Neil & Karen Neizke	Carson Rudd	Timothy Pobanz		
Sun Nov. 4 th	Roland Harklau	Fred & Rosie Bruns	Todd & Teri Luckow	Ryan Petersen	Timothy Pobanz	Eric Yunginger	Bruce Peterson
Sat Nov. 10 th	Todd Ernst	Larry Peyton	Lee & Annette Green	Cooper Auen	Karen Neitzke		
Sun Nov. 11 th	Neil Wedeking	Rebecca Peters	Connor Noess Merlen Noess	Tori Hutchinson	Karen Neitzke	Todd Ernst	Merlen Noess
Sat. Nov. 17 th	Todd Ernst	Dorothy Blaue	Jeff & Dorothy Wirtjers	Keagan Bundt	Timothy Pobanz		
Sun Nov. 18 th	Roland Harklau	George & Lynda Kischer	Connor Noess Joe Langbein	Katie Jansma	Timothy Pobanz	Neil Wedeking	Carson Ruge
Wed Nov. 21 st	Merlen Noess		Merlen Noess Nathan Pobanz		Timothy Pobanz	George Kischer	
Sat Nov. 24 th		Kurt & Lory Volkert	Mitch Dettman Madi Dettman	Haley Jo King	Michele Dettmann		
Sun Nov. 25 th	Mark Jansma	Marlene Lents	Ross & Denise Opsal	Noah Just	Michele Dettmann	Roger Jensen	Michele Dettmann



Open House at the Parsonage

November 18

2:00 – 5:00 p.m.



**Please join Pastor & Lauri
for
Food, Fun, and Fellowship**



November 2018



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28 9 Divine Service 10:15 Adult Bible Class Sunday School	29	30	31 <i>Reformation Day</i> 3:45 Midweek	1 8:30 Women's Bible Study	2	3 6 Divine Service
4 9 Divine Service 10:15 Adult Bible Class Sunday School	5 <i>Pastor's Day Off</i>	6 6:30 Board of Education 7:30 Elders	7 1:30 Women of St. Paul 3:45 Midweek	8 8:30 Women's Bible Study	9	10 6 Divine Service
11 9 Divine Service 10:15 Adult Bible Class Sunday School	12 <i>Pastor's Day Off</i>	13 5:30 Trustees 7:30 Council	14 3:45 Midweek	15 8:30 Women's Bible Study	16	17 6 Divine Service
18 9 Divine Service 10:15 Adult Bible Class Sunday School 2:00-5:00 p.m. Open House at the Parsonage	19 <i>Pastor's Day Off</i> <i>Newsletter articles due</i>	20	21 6 p.m. Thanksgiving Eve Service	22 <i>Thanksgiving Day</i>	23	24 6 Divine Service
25 9 Divine Service 10:15 Adult Bible Class Sunday School	26 <i>Pastor's Day Off</i>	27	28 3:45 Midweek	29 8:30 Women's Bible Study	30	1 <i>December</i> 6 Divine Service



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