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### FROM THE PASTOR

"But as for you, go and proclaim the kingdom of God." Luke 9:60b (ESV)

Dear Friends in Christ.

You may remember the account in Scripture where Jesus asked a man to follow Him. The man responded by saying that he would first like to go and bury his father. But Jesus responded by saying, "Leave the dead to bury their own dead, but as for you, go and proclaim the kingdom of God." These words may have been surprising to the hearers. This is because for the ancient Jewish people there was nothing more important and sacred than burying their dead. However, the Lord was telling the man that nothing was to get in the way of his relationship with His Lord and His call to follow Him and witness to our Lord.

Our Lord calls us as well to follow Him by putting Him first in our lives. At times, it may mean denying ourselves some of our basic desires and feelings. Jesus calls and demands of us that we put our relationship with Him above all other relationships.

He doesn't call us to put Him first in our lives for nothing. He, as our creator and God knows what is best for us and for our lives. He is the one who has given us all and continues to provide for all that we need for the care of our bodies, lives and souls. He has provided for our greatest need of forgiveness through Jesus shedding His precious blood on the

cross that we might be forgiven and have the assurance of eternal life through Him. For all He has done and continues to do for us, we owe Him our thanks and praise.

We as God's people respond in faith to His love and with the Holy Spirit empowering us live for Him. He strengthens us through the Word in worship and devotions and through the Lord's Supper. Jesus said, "Remain in me, and I will remain in you. No branch can bear fruit by itself; it must remain in the vine. Neither can you bear fruit unless you remain in me." John 15:4

May we by His power let Him have his way with our lives that we faithfully proclaim the Kingdom of God to all and serve Him in thanks for His undeserved love. Jesus is the object of our faith and hope. We do not only hold on to Him for some future benefit. We love Him for Himself as our gracious God. We praise and worship Him who died for us. We thankfully dedicate our lives and all we have to Him who daily guides us and showers His blessings upon us. May His call to follow Him and witness His love in our daily life take priority over every other obligation in our lives. May we ever be empowered to put Him first! For our Lord says to us as well, "But as for you, go and proclaim the kingdom of God." Luke 9:60b (ESV)

In Christ,
Pastor Paul Crolius

### **FUNERAL**

Elizabeth VanWormer died on Wednesday, October 2, 2019, and was given Christian burial on Monday, October 7, 2019.

Roger Friede Sr. died on Monday, October 7, 2019, and will be given Christian burial on Saturday, November 30, 2019.

### **MEMORIALS**

Given in memory of Rudy Brandt
School Air Conditioning Fund \$1,000.00
General Fund \$575.00
Church Foundation \$20.00
Radio/Video Broadcast \$580.00

### **LWML**

We opened with an "Autumn Prayer" followed by a very interesting presentation by Cindy Wrucke, our LCMS missionary serving in the Czech Republic through print, video, web and social media. The "Prayer Card" which she helped develop has an image that can be scanned with people's mobile devices and in two clicks they can read scripture in either English or Czech. They are reaching many people in this way. She also teaches English in non-traditional settings and leads Bible studies for unchurched and new members. She is also serving in a Russian counseling center for women and has also served Muslim refugees teaching and encouraging them in their Christian faith. She has accomplished much in 2 years, and we are happy to continue to support her monetarily and prayerfully in her mission work.

We started our business meeting with our League Pledge, Secretary's and Treasurer's Reports. For committee reports: Quilting-69 quilts adorned the pews for LWML Sunday; 36 were then packed up to be given to American Family Children's Hospital and 29 for Orphan Grain Train. Baptisms-Eric Joshua Reimer received a baptism quilt.

Our Fall Rally is at St. Paul's, LaValle, Saturday, October 19, starting at 10:00. The program is Comfort Dogs with Pastor Armon. The ingathering is dog toys, grooming brushes, dog food, gift certificates. The eighth-grade girls filled out their Mentoring Questionnaires and we dispersed them among ourselves to mentor these young women throughout their school year.

Mitey Muffin Weekend is November 2 & 3.

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Our November 11, meeting will feature our DCE Intern, Josiah Schultz. We look forward to learning more about his work serving the Lord.

Our Mite Devotion was on our Mission Grant, "Mission Outreach for At-Risk Young Women in Africa".

We thanked Marcia Christensen for serving a delicious pumpkin pie.

In Christ's Service, Julie Thompson, Secretary

YOU can help people find rest in a changing world. Many have not heard about our Lord and Savior.

The mites collected this weekend will help fund our LWML mission grants to help these people hear the Good News or help people who are furthering their work in the ministry. If you have a few coins to put in the Mite box – we greatly appreciate you furthering God's work – either way, please enjoy a Mitey Muffin after the service.



The Follett Book Fair is coming to St. Peter's School

### November 4 – 8

Mon. 11/4	3:30 to 4:00 p.m.
Tues. 11/5	7:30 to 8:30 a.m. & 3:30 to 4:30 p.m.
Wed. 11/6	7:30 to 8:30 a.m. & 3:30 to 4:30 p.m.
Thurs. 11/7	7:30 to 8:30 a.m. & 3:30 to 6:00 p.m.
Fri. 11/8	7:30 a.m. to Noon

### LADIES AID

Ladies Aid met on October 2, and was called to order by President, Lois Radtke. Kay Klitzke read the September minutes and correspondence. Ruth Reimer gave the treasurer's report. Both were approved.

Ladies Aid will donate old Portals of Prayer to the LAMP program. They will also be making a donation to replace a school air conditioner and to the church organ repair fund.

The Ladies Aid booklet will be updated for 2020 printing. Volunteers are needed to help with funeral luncheons.

Marcia Christensen was our guest. A song was sung in honor of her and Ruth Reimer's mother's birthday.

The ladies adjourned to enjoy visiting and refreshments. Next meeting will be held Wednesday, November 6.

Kay Klitzke, Secretary



Wednesday, November 27, 7:00 p.m. Thursday, November 28, 9:00 a.m.



### FOOD PANTRY OFFERING

We will be collecting non-perishable food items for the Reedsburg Food Pantry at the Thanksgiving Services on Wednesday, November, 27th and Thursday, November 28th. Your donations are appreciated and will greatly help those in need during the holiday season.

### **RUTH SORGE SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE**

Thank you so much for choosing me for this scholarship. I very much appreciate it. I am currently attending Concordia University Wisconsin to study Occupational Therapy. I plan on getting my Bachelor's Degree at CUW and then continuing school to get my Masters. I just don't know where yet. After I am completely done with college, I plan on staying in the Milwaukee area to get a job as an Occupational Therapist. Thanks again for selecting me for this scholarship.

Emma VanEtten

### VOTERS ASSEMBLY October 25, 2019

Membership changes July – October 2019

### **Received by Baptism**

Avery Dersham
Bryson Klitzke
Kolbe Rognrud
Eric Reimer Jr

### **Transferred to the Church Triumphant**

Rudolph Brandt Roger Friede Sr Elizabeth VanWormer

# FOR APPROVAL BY VOTERS ASSEMBLY

### Received by Transfer

Jamie Unbehaun (Zander & Avery)

### Received by Re-Affirmation of Faith

Christopher Unbehaun

### **Transferred Out**

Christopher & Kristin Coleman (Isaac, Joseph, Jacob) to St. Paul's. Hillpoint, WI Cathy Beck (Joshua, Matthew) to St. John's. Portage

### Release at their own request

Greg Wollin (Skyler) to St. Paul's, Mauston





### Youth Update and Upcoming Events

- Junior and senior high youth nights are going well!
- There will be no youth meeting on Wednesday, Nov. 27th due to the holiday.
- If you or someone you know is interested in supervising junior or senior high youth nights please shoot me an email, give me a call, send me a text, or stop by the office!
- **Progressive Dinner:** Sunday, Nov 10th from 5 PM- 8 PM (Senior high youth event)

#### Youth Fundraiser

Our senior high youth will be selling Seroogy's Chocolate bars from the end of October through November. We will have nine varieties of chocolate bars available, selling them for \$1.50 per bar. The proceeds will go to support St. Peter's Youth program.

### **Faith-First Family**

Faith development happens first and foremost in the home! Here are a few easy ways to continue nurturing a Christ-centered home:

- Give Thanks: As we approach the Thanksgiving season, take time each day to talk with your family about the things God has placed in your life which you are thankful for! Good times to do this may be at meal times, bedtime, or in the car on the way home from school.
- Christmas Jar: Christmas is just around the corner, and giving someone in need a Christmas jar can have a profound impact on their life! Simply spend the next couple of months filling up a jar with all of your loose change, then during the Christmas week anonymously gift it to someone in your life. \$50, \$100, or \$200 could change their

**holiday season**. It could help put presents under their tree, dinner on the table, or allow them to cover travel costs to visit family! For more info visit <a href="mailto:christmasjars.com">christmasjars.com</a>

#### Parents and Adults!

Do you feel out-of-touch with the younger generation of teens? Are you confused by strange new trends or seemingly meaningless words and phrases?

There is a tool called the Culture Translator that may shed some light on the things your youth say and do.

The Culture Translator is simply a weekly email that gives you a glimpse into what's influencing teens right now, as well as insightful perspective on the relevant topics in your teen's world and a weekly nudge to start conversations about the underlying issues.

This service is 100% free and the emails are short and clear. For more information or to sign up for weekly emails, visit <a href="https://axis.org/ct/">https://axis.org/ct/</a> or search online for "Axis Culture Translator."



### VETERAN'S DAY ASSEMBLY

Students and staff of St. Peter's School would like to extend an invitation to join us on Monday, November 11<sup>th</sup> at 8:15 a.m. in the school gym in honor of Veteran's Day. We would like to extend a special invitation to all the Veterans in our congregation to join as we honor you and your service to our country.



# ST. PETER'S LUTHERAN SCHOOL NEWS by Mr. Tessendorf

LEA Convocation: The teachers traveled to St. Louis for a Convocation with over 2,500 Lutheran teachers. The theme of the Convocation was "Opening Eyes, Minds and Hearts" based on Ephesians 1:18. Our teachers were able to choose from hundreds of sectionals covering a wide range of topics. It was also a time of uplifting worship and fellowship. We thank everyone who works and supports the Spaghetti Supper. The funds raised through the Spaghetti Supper make it possible for our entire teaching staff to attend this valuable event.

Crossing Assistants: We are looking for adult volunteers to help with students and families crossing the street at the corner of 4th and North Pine. Please contact the school office if you are able to help provide this important service. Your service would start at 3:10 p.m. and finish around 3:40 p.m.

#### St. Peter's is a Great Place to Be!

You don't need to take my word for it. Here are a sample of comments from the April, 2019 survey:

**Church Member:** St. Peter's provides a good Christian Education and gives our children a well-rounded education that is Christ-centered.

Parents: #1 St. Peter's makes Christ the center of what they do. #2 St. Peter's School provides a positive and loving environment structured around Christ and a high level of education. #3 There's no other place we would want to see our children grow. #4 The staff is incredible! Our family and kids feel welcomed

and loved. There are a ton of activities and opportunities for our children to enjoy.

**Teacher:** St Peter's does a great job representing our mission on a daily basis. Jesus is always the focus in our school. The teachers want nothing more than to share Jesus with the students and give them a quality education at the same time.

**4-8 Grade Student:** Thank you for sharing JESUS!!!!!!!!!

**1-3 Grade Student:** We learn about Jesus and teachers care about students.

**Principal Chat Summary:** The Chat started with statistics from the survey taken in April. 2019. A review of the safety improvements made in the past two years was also shared. The improvements include: security cameras, video controlled entry for each classroom in the lower level. blackout shades added to classrooms, window film added throughout the school, updated AED, walkie talkies for teachers and office, new school intercom. background checks expanded to include chaperones on field trips. Threat Assessment Team in place, intruder drills practiced, the drop-off and pick-up of students has been revised and SafeBolt door locks to be installed soon.

The Chat included a summary of the process and people who were involved in the development of the new drop-off and pick-up system. The new system is working well.

### **School Improvement Plan**

**Goal#1** - Host a Validation Team Visit as part of our accreditation through National Lutheran School Accreditation (NLSA). Committees have been working on the seven standards of accreditation to ensure our compliance with the standards.

Goal #2 - Develop and implement ways to improve the recruitment of volunteers for the school from the church and parents. Back to School Night included a form that people could indicate where they would like to serve. This has already been used to provide cleaning and disinfecting of the Legos used by the LEGOS Club and the portable message board being updated and used more frequently.

**Goal#3** - Review and update the Math Curriculum as needed.

**Goal #4** - Develop and implement ways to improve communication between the school and church members and parents concerning what is happening at the school.

**Goal #5** - Prepare the teachers and students for the transition to the Forward Exam, the State Testing Tool.

Your input on the annual survey is important. The last survey included two comments requesting that students sing at the 5:00 p.m. service on Saturdays. In response, a group of students sang on Saturday, October 5. I encourage you to participate in the annual survey each April. The survey is a valuable part in determining the direction of St. Peter's Lutheran School.

### **First LEGOS Club**

Here are a few pictures of the fun at the LEGOS Club Meeting on Sept. 26.











If you love kids, this may be the position for you. St. Peter's Christian Kid-Zone Daycare has employment opportunities for part-time and substitute workers. For more information, please stop in the daycare or call Julie Thompson 524-4066, ext. 3.

# ST. PETER'S STUDENT COUNCIL

Representing St. Peter's School and bring fun and exciting events to our school. Thank you, Student Council

#### Front Row:

Ava VanCoulter, Luna Murphy, Kylee Molitor, Ashlyn Mathews, Jaelyn Ray, Sawyer Roloff, Trenton Dehn, Joseph Deering.

Back Row: Logan Brown, Emma Herritz, Brynn Oberman, Serra Stowers, Callie Curtin, Chloe Klitzke, Masina Reuter, Sophie Williams, Brianna VanCoulter, Anna Gerike, Brett Wilson





### TASTY TREATS FOR SALE!!

The 7 & 8<sup>th</sup> grade students are selling delicious Butter Braids (\$13 each) in a variety of flavors. A great warm and tasty treat to have at any time. Orders may be placed with the students or at the school office. Deadline to place your order is November 7th, with delivery November 21. Funds raised will help to fund their 2020 class trip to the Creation Museum and Ark in Kentucky!!



# KEEPING IT COOL!!

Recently during the warm school days, we have found the air conditioning units in the classrooms may be coming to the end of their usefulness. Most units are 10-15 years old and will soon need service work and/ or replacing. We are looking ahead at that expense and have started a "Keep It Cool" Fund. Often people inquire as to where a special gift or memorial might be directed. You may place your contribution in the offering plate marked "Keep It Cool Fund". Thank you!



### **HURRICANE RELIEF**

After hearing of the devastation in the Bahamas from the recent hurricane, Mrs Vossen and her 4th grade class immediately began to raise funds to help. Lemonade stands, money collection and Bake Sale were part of their efforts.

# ST. PETER'S SPAGHETTI DINNER & SILENT AUCTION

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Thank you to all who joined us for an evening of fun and fellowship.



St. Paul wrote to the Church of Christ in Corinth: "Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver" (2 Cor 9:7). God loves a cheerful giver. But who is a cheerful giver?

Abel was. By faith, Abel gave the firstborn of his flock, and it was acceptable in God's sight. Abraham was. By faith, Abraham prepared cakes and a tender choice calf for God and entertained angels unaware. So also were David and Solomon. By faith, David would not make a sacrifice to God that cost him nothing, so he paid Araunah his due. By faith, Solomon built a house for God, where his name would dwell and thereby where He would dwell to be Israel's God and they His people.

What more shall I say? For time would fail me to tell of all those who gave not simply for the joy of giving but for the joy of knowing the One to whom they gave.

So also our Lord, who for the joy set before Him, gave everything, yes, even His life, enduring the cross and scorning its shame. He gave to the shedding of His blood, willingly and resolutely setting His face toward Jerusalem to die for the life of the world. Though He was rich in every way, He became poor, so that by His poverty we might be rich beyond measure.

So then, let us – like Abel and Abraham, like David and Solomon, and even like our Lord Jesus Christ – give cheerfully to God for the work of His kingdom in our midst. Like them, let us decide in our heart – for the joy set before us – the joy of knowing the One to whom we give is the One who gives us all good things.

### ADULT INSTRUCTION CLASS TO BEGIN

Are you or someone you know interested in attending Adult Instruction Class? This class will review the doctrine (teachings) of our church. This is also the class one goes through to become a member. Perhaps you know of a person who would like to join our church, or you yourself would like to review the teachings of the faith. If so, then this class is for you. Classes will meet for approximately ten weeks. For more information, please contact Pastor Crolius at 524-4512 ext. 2.

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Happy Birthday	
Wishing you a sweet day full of God's blessings.	

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