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FROM THE PASTOR

"Speaking the truth in love, we will in all things grow up into Him who is the Head, that is, Christ." Ephesians 4:15

Bodybuilding calls for intense discipline and consistency in exercise. Bodybuilders are dedicated to developing the most muscular, well-defined, and symmetrical physiques possible. To attain that goal, proper nutrition and frequent intense exercise are necessary.

We are part of a very special and more important body. As the Apostle Paul writes inspired by the Holy Spirit, "Now you are the body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it. (1 Corinthians 12:27)" All who have received saving faith in Jesus are part of the body of Christ, the church." As his children, redeemed by the blood of Jesus, we are to "grow up into Him [Christ]," that is, to know Christ better, serve Him more faithfully, and glorify Him always. The Holy Spirit empowers us to grow in faith as we abide in Him and He in us. This growth is accomplished through proper spiritual nutrition: regular worship in the communion of saints, where God's Word is preached and the Lord's Supper is served; daily study of the Scriptures and prayer; and frequent, intense exercise of our faith despite difficulty or persecution, including bold witnessing to the Savior.

Jesus' life, death, and physical resurrection created the church and are her foundation. The continuing presence of our risen Lord empowers us, as members of His body, to keep growing. "From Him the whole body, joined and held together by every supporting ligament, grows and builds itself up in love, as each part does its work" (Ephesians 4:16).

We pray that the Lord may help us all to grow stronger in faith so that all of us together may contribute to the building up of the body, the church. This is so that our gracious God may be honored and that He may further His Kingdom that the body may grow in faith and souls.

God's richest blessings in Christ,
Pastor Paul Crolius

FUNERAL

Rudolph Brandt died on Monday, September 2, 2019, and was given Christian burial on Friday, September 6, 2019.

LADIES AID

Ladies met on September 4, 2019, in Concordia Hall for our fall luncheon. A delicious buffet was enjoyed by all.

Following the lunch, Presidents Lois Radtke call our meeting to order.

Pastor Crolius led us in singing "I'm Trusting Thee Lord Jesus" and a devotion on trusting referring to Psalm 10 and Matthew 6. Elderene Bowlin was installed as Ladies Aid Vice-President by Pastor.

Minutes were read and approved from the June meeting as we met at Pizza Ranch in July. Treasurers' reports was read and approved and filed for audit. Correspondence was read and shared.

September birthdays were celebrated with singing the birthday song, to those present.

It was mentioned that our Ladies Aid membership is dwindling. We invite anyone to join us as we continue to try to aid St. Peter's Congregation in serving funeral luncheons, mission projects and college scholarships for those pursuing full-time church work.

We closed with singing the Doxology.
Kay Kltizke, Secretary,

GOLDEN AGERS

Due to lack of membership, we have sadly decided to discontinue our Golden Agers Club. Any questions, please call Dee Duley at 963-0054.

LWML

To open our first meeting of the new year, Julie read "God's Plan for One Ordinary Woman"; then we said the Common Table Prayer before enjoying a delicious potluck meal together.

Our Business Meeting starting with saying our League Pledge. The Secretary's Report was

read and approved, and the Treasurer's Report was read and filed for audit. For committee reports, Quilters had tied 5 quilts; we decided our hygiene items would again be given to Head Start; and for baptisms, baby quilts had been given to Owen Meyer, Weslee Pelton, Avery and Jeremy Dersham, and 2 Arch books to Kolbe Rognrud.

We received a "Thank you" note from Cindy Wrucke. We went over our program booklet for the upcoming year. We will have Pastor Crolius give out 8th Grade Mentoring Questionnaires to the 8th grade girls.

Our LWML Weekend will be the 2nd weekend in October this year. Betty will check with Sharon Craker to decide on a time the 8th grade girls can help decorate the pews with quilts.

Dates to remember are the South Wisconsin District Fall Retreat is September 19-21 in Green Lake and our Zone Fall Rally will be October 19 at St. Paul's, LaVale, with the program being "Comfort Dogs" with Pastor Armon. Our October 14 meeting will be a treat as the missionary we support, Cindy Wrucke, will speak at our meeting. EVERYONE, including men, are invited to this meeting to hear about Miss Wrucke's experience in the Eurasia Region.

We then watched a video on the LWML National Mission Grants giving us an insight on what each entails. Twenty-five percent of our mites go toward the National Mission Grants and 75 percent to the South Wisconsin District Mission Grants.

We sang Happy Birthday to our September birthday ladies. Our Mite Devotion was based on the Mission Grant "Teach Me Too – Preschoolers with Learning Needs". Remember, you are all invited to our October 14 meeting at 6:00 in Concordia Hall to hear Missionary, Cindy Wrucke from the Eurasia Region.

In Christ's service,
Julie Thompson



YOUTH

Greetings, brothers and sisters in Christ!

What have we been doing?

Our junior and senior high youth ministries are in full swing! We enjoyed good attendance (and good pizza) at both the junior and senior youth nights.

Along with fun and games at youth night, the senior high students will be learning more about rooting our identities in Christ through a series of devotions intended to follow up on the National Youth Gathering experience.

Similarly, the junior high youth nights have devotions which are geared towards learning and applying each aspect of the fruit of the Spirit!

Sunday school kicked off on September 15th, and I encourage you to take advantage of this faith-building opportunity. We offer classes for students Pre-K - 8th grade.

What are we planning for the future?

- Senior high youth on 1st and 3rd Wed from 6:30-8:30 pm
- Junior high youth on 2nd and 4th Wed from 6:00-8:00 pm
- **Wed, Oct. 30th** is our junior and senior high service project, during which we will gather in the gym, divided into chaperoned groups, and travel door-to-door to collect canned goods for the food pantry.
- **Sun, Nov. 10th** is the Progressive Dinner from 5-8 pm. This event brings local youth groups together for food, fellowship, and fun. Throughout the evening, the senior high students will hop from church to church for eating and activities. St. Peter's will host an open-gym time as part of this event.

• 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:

- **Pray Together:** Encourage your young ones to pray out loud at meals, before bed, and throughout the day as you encounter blessings or hardships. (1 Thessalonians 5:16-18 *Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.*)
- **Celebrate Baptismal Birthdays:** In the US, September is the most common month to be born in. Many children within our tradition are baptized shortly after birth. At baptism God performs a miracle, bringing saving faith to the individual and making them a part of His family. Take time to not only recognize birthdays in your family, but also baptism birthdays!
- **Share Bible Stories:** God's Word is full of exciting and powerful accounts, and exploring them is beneficial for people of all ages. Read a key verse at breakfast. Read or tell a Bible story in your words before bedtime. Bible reading should be a social, bonding opportunity, not a dry discipline devoid of purpose.

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 <https://axis.org/ct/> or search online for "Axis Culture Translator."



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

Fan Collection Update: Over the summer a big fan was purchased for the gym. A total of \$200 has been donated as of this writing. This only leaves \$108.00 to be raised. Any extra raised will go to the Athletic Department. Thank you for your consideration of donating to this project.

First Quarter Chapel Offerings: The school first quarter Chapel offerings will be used to support the Sharing God's Miraculous Message through Concordia Gospel Outreach sends "The Work of His Hands for Kids," a Bible-based book about God's love for everyone, to kids in the United States who need to hear the Gospel.

LEA Convocation: School is closed October 10 & 11 as our teachers travel to St. Louis for the Tri-Annual LEA Convocation. The entire faculty are able to attend this uplifting and informative event through the generous support received through the Spaghetti Supper. Many Lutheran Schools are unable to send their entire teaching staff as it is cost prohibitive to do so. Thank you for your support to provide this valuable experience for ALL of our teachers!

Ministry in Motion: We are a school that parents seek to send their children knowing we will teach God's love daily. One goal a PreK parent wrote for their child read, "I want her to learn her value in the eyes of God."

Principal Chat: The first Principal Chat of the year was held on September 18. Highlights from the meeting will be shared in future issues of the Messenger.

Teen Brain Under Construction: Information on the development of teen brains and how we can work together to help our children through this process was shared on September 11. The feedback received has been positive. It has been requested to offer other opportunities to attend the presentation for those who were unable to attend or would like to see it again. Future Messengers will share when more opportunities will be provided.

Girls Volleyball Team: The girls volleyball team finished in second place in a tournament on September 21. Congratulations Lady Tigers!



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!

ST. PETER'S SPAGHETTI DINNER & SILENT AUCTION

Friday, October 25, 2019
4:30-7:00 PM



Advance Ticket Price: \$8.00 for adults, \$4.00 for children 5 - 12 years old,
Children 4 and under are FREE.
Tickets will be \$1.00 more at the door
Carry-outs are available.

Tickets are available from all St. Peter's School families, office or after services
in Concordia Hall beginning October 12.

If you are interested in helping with this event, set-up begins as early as Noon.
Please contact the office at 524-40166, ext. 1, to lend a helping hand.
Thank you!



PART-TIME/SUBSTITUTE OPENINGS

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.



MIXED CHOIR is in need of singers. Practice is the 1st & 3rd Wednesdays of each month with the next practice being October 2, at 7:00 PM in the church. Join us in making a joyful sound to the Lord!!



SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday school classes are being offered for youth, ages 4K through 8th grade. Class time is between church services, from 9:15-10:15 AM. We meet in the gym for our fun opening before splitting up into age groups for the remainder of the time. Right now our classes are working their way through the Old Testament. So far we have covered Solomon's wisdom, the building of the temple, and stories from the life of the prophet Elijah.

We would love to have you in class, it is never too late to join!



In the early morning hours of Feb. 18, 1546, Martin Luther closed his eyes forever. And the hand that hammered the

95 Theses into the door of the Castle Church in Wittenberg on Oct. 31, 1517, penned its final words: "We are all beggars. This is true."

And this is the truth that our Lord says makes you free. Ironic, isn't it? That, in order to be free, you must be a beggar; you must be utterly dependent and reliant upon God. This makes us uncomfortable – the way we're uncomfortable when someone gets us a Christmas or birthday present when we haven't gotten them one. We feel we owe them. And we don't much like being in someone's debt.

But what Luther would remind us is that we are all indeed beggars. But we're not just anyone's beggars. We're God's beggars. And this is His legacy to the Christian Church. Christ came for sinners. He came to seek and save the lost. He came to heal the sick and raise the dead. He came for sinners, and He dwells only with sinners.

And, if we are to be where He is, we must be willing to be counted among the lost, the sick, and the dead. We must be willing to be beggars. We must cry out for mercy, for grace, and for his undeserved love and kindness. We must be dependent solely on Him and what He gives.

And here's the beauty: He gives us everything. Everything – forgiveness of sins, salvation from death and the devil, and eternal life. This is not because of any worthiness or merit in us, but it is because of His divine goodness, mercy, and grace.

On account of Christ's death and resurrection, the Father forgives you, saves you, and is pleased with you. And you receive. You receive His love, His righteousness, His holiness, His acceptance, and His inheritance. We are all beggars. This is true.

This is the heart and soul of Christianity and the life-blood of the Christian Church. God justifies us, and He declares us innocent and righteous by His grace received through faith

for the sake of Christ. This is not because of our works; this is because of His work on the cross. We, who once were enemies of God, are reconciled to Him and made to be His children.

This is what Luther would point us to when He took up his pen for the last time and scribbled "We are all beggars. This is true." We are beggars. But we are beggars of the God who does not ignore us, who doesn't pass by us on the other side. We are beggars of the One who descended from heaven to make His dwelling with sinners.

We are beggars of Him who deigns to dwell with us, among us, and – yes – even in us by grace for Christ's sake. For in the bread and cup that we bless, we share together with Christ and each other the riches of God's grace.

So inexhaustible are the riches of this grace – the Gospel in sermon and absolution, in Baptism and Holy Communion – that our cups overflow. We, who are God's beggars, are not only inexhaustibly satisfied but have something to give back in thanksgiving and praise.

CONSECRATION WEEKEND October 19-20

**Please join on this weekend for
Consecration weekend and our Celebration
meals.**

Our guest speaker will be Rev. Dwayne Lueck who is the LCMS North Wisconsin District President as well as a son of our congregation. Our theme for this year is "Thanks Living." God wants our living, giving and sharing to be joyful and fulfilling. Our generosity flows out of our understanding that God has created and redeemed us. In spite of our sinful ways, He loves us and calls us each by name. By God's grace, we can live as forgiven and redeemed people through the blood of Jesus on the Cross and now are empowered to living our lives for Him! On this weekend we will be bring forward our annual financial commitment promise card. May God bless us and fill us with His joy as we prepare for this special weekend.



ALBRECHT, STANLEY	10/1
MEYER, MEGAN	10/1
ANDREASEN, DENNIS	10/2
BAUMGART, CARL	10/2
FARBER, ALICE	10/2
KRYDER, DOUG	10/2
PATTON, JOSEPH	10/2
SCHRANK, PENNY	10/2
SCHMITT, ALEX	10/4
SETTERBO, LYNN	10/4
KAUTZ, SCOTT	10/5
METCALF, JAMES	10/5
TESSENDORF, JOY	10/5
WHITEHURST, PATRICK	10/5
CRISAFULLI, ANTHONY	10/6
MEYER, ELDORA	10/6
SETTERBO, MARK	10/6
BIRDSILL, BRANDON	10/7
CRISAFULLI, PAMELA	10/7
MEAD, CLAYTON	10/7
WITTWER, KAREN	10/7
BAUER, ISAAC	10/8
CROLIUS, NATHAN	10/8
OTT, ALEXANDER	10/9
FRY, ANGELA	10/10
GILLIS JR, THOMAS	10/10
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BAUER, MELANIE	10/11
BRODT, LUKE	10/11
DRAKE, ZACHERY	10/12
FEATHERINGILL, TRIPP	10/12
HARMS, BRIAN	10/12
JOHANSEN, RYAN	10/12
LANGE, LOUISE	10/12
LUEPKE, PAUL	10/12
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HIGGINS, MASON	10/13
HARMS, NATHAN	10/14
MICHEL, WILL	10/14
PELTON, AMY	10/14
REIMER, RUSSELL	10/14
BROWN, LANDON	10/15
COLEMAN, KRISTIN	10/15
MICHEL, BRIAN	10/15
NAQUIN, DURRELL	10/15

BAUER, TRESSA	10/16
SCHRANK, LUCAS	10/16
CRAKER, JOSEPH	10/17
ELY, DANIEL	10/17
GOODMAN, TINA	10/17
HARMS, RONALD	10/17
MCWILLIAMS, ROBERT	10/17
SCHRANK, DENNIS	10/17
ZIMMERMAN, TONYA	10/17
BALL, BRUCE	10/18
CHURCHILL, LANDON	10/18
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THOMPSON, JOHN	10/19
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DOROW, JASON	10/20
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SONNENBERG, MARCIA	10/21
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