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Roger Tessendorf, Principal

FROM THE PASTOR

"Blessed is the man who trusts in the LORD, whose trust is the LORD. He is like a tree planted by water, that sends out its roots by the stream, and does not fear when heat comes, for its leaves remain green, and is not anxious in the year of drought, for it does not cease to bear fruit." Jeremiah 17:7-8 (ESV)

It is hard to believe that we will soon be starting another school year once again. It seems like summer break begins and before you know it is gone. I hope all of you have been having an enjoyable summer. Thankfully this year we haven't had too much of the heat and humidity. It seems like as I am getting older the humidity seems to take it out of me. When it does get hot and humid, I find that there is nothing more refreshing than a glass of cold water. Our dog Banjo sure seems to agree with me as well. He certainly likes to stay hydrated with water. It gives us relief from the heat. What a wonderful blessing from the Lord water is to take away the burden of the heat of the day!

The prophet Jeremiah uses the imagery of water to describe people living with hope. Hope is something that we all need. Those who by God's power put their trust and confidence in Him are like a tree that is planted by a stream of water and is well nourished. It grows and sends out roots by the stream. They have nothing to fear, peace and a future resting in the Lord and His love. Sadly though, if a person does not trust and put their faith in our Triune God and Jesus as Savior, one will be like a tree without water that withers and dies. All of us can become distracted and focus on things other than the Lord. Jesus refers to Himself as the source of the water of life. Without Him and His love, all people, including you and me, would have withered and died in sin. Yet in His love, Jesus came to save us from all sin and to reestablish the broken relationship we had with God because of our sin. Jesus died our death on the cross bringing us forgiveness of our sins. He rose again to new life that we might have abundant life now and forever through faith in Him.

God's Word is like a stream of living water flowing forth from Him. A stream that heals, forgives, guides, strengthens and refreshes our lives. God has brought us into His Kingdom and planted us like a flourishing tree by the waters of Holy Baptism. His Holy Spirit enables us to have roots that reach out to His living water. Despite the fact that we daily sin much and in the heat of the day turn from our Lord's ways, Jesus continually calls us back to Himself. He refreshes and restores us with His Word and love. He also empowers us to bear the fruit of faith sharing His love with others in word and deed. What a joy to have such hope and confidence in God being ever assured of His love, presence, and continued care. By God's grace through faith in Jesus, we are "trees planted by the water"-His water of life.

May we come again and again to be refreshed by our Lord. He continues to refresh us through the Word in daily devotion, through Bible classes, regular worship, and in His Holy Supper. In our gracious Lord we put our trust and hope now and always. With the Lord, we have nothing to fear no matter what life or the future may bring. May the Lord lead us to be continually refreshed, strengthened and bearing fruit for Him.

> In Christ, **Paslor Crolius**

<u>BAPTISM</u>

Kolbe Rognrud, Avery Dersham and Ashlyn Dersham, children of Jeremy and Tasha (Tanner) Dersham, were baptized on Sunday, August 25, 2019.

Saturday at 5:00 p.m.



Sunday at 8:00 & 10:30 a.m.

Bible class will follow at 9:15. a.m.

Sunday School begins September 15th

LADIES AID

Ladies Aid met on August 7th, at Pizza Ranch at 11:30 a.m. to enjoy a lunch buffet with members and two young granddaughter guests. We played BINGO and prizes were plentiful for all to win and enjoy.

Our next meeting is Wednesday, September 4th, for our Fall Buffet beginning at noon in Concordia Hall. All ladies are asked to bring a dish to pass.



Thank you to all those who generously donated school supplies to our students at St. Peter's School. This allows

many of our students to have all that is needed to begin another great school year. It also allows many of our students to replenish their notebooks, pencils, etc throughout the year. Thank you again for your generosity!!!

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

THANK YOU to all those who joined us for an exciting week of Vacation Bible School. Approximately 60 children experienced the MIRACULOUS MISSION each day with crafts, storytelling, games and snacks. Thank you to the many volunteers and to those who donated supplies to help make this a fun filled week. Your VBS donations have helped purchase over 320 "BOOKS FOR KIDS"!!!









Youth

Greetings, brothers and sisters in Christ!

Here are some exciting things going on for St. Peter's Youth in September:

- On September 8th there will be a reception between church services welcoming our new DCE intern and introducing our Sunday school teachers for the year.
 - Junior and senior high youth nights will begin! (Sr. High on September 4th, Jr. High on September 11th)

Sunday School begins on Sunday, September15th for youth from pre-k through 8th grade.

Concordia University, Wisconsin is offering a FREE event on their campus on Saturday, Sept 28th. "Servants of Christ" seminar is a one-day event for 5th-8th grade students in which they will explore questions about their future. How do I prepare for high school and college? What sort of job will I pursue someday? How do I serve God in my career? This event takes place from 9:30 AM-2:00 PM, and lunch is provided!

I pray that you have a blessed end of Summer and a good start to the 2019-2020 school year. If you have any questions or ideas to share with me feel free to stop by my office which is located in the school between the offices of our pastor and principal. If I am unavailable in my office, you may contact me via email or phone:

In Christ, Josiah Schultz, DCE Intern josiah.schultz@cune.org (989) 450-4385

<u>WELCOME, DCE</u> <u>INTERN,</u> JOSIAH SCHULTZ



The Board of Missions &

Congregational Services invites you to join them to welcome Josiah Schultz and to meet the Sunday School teaching staff. A potluck will be served on Sunday, September 8 following the 10:30 a.m. service. Please bring a dish to pass, beverages will be provided.

SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS ARE NEEDED

If you would like to share your time and talents in this way, please contact Pastor Crolius at 524-4512, ext. 2, or Josiah at 989-450-4385.



COMING SOON...5TH SUNDAY POTLUCKS

Beginning in September we will be having potlucks on the 5th Sunday of the month. These potlucks are an opportunity for us all to relax and enjoy each other's company. Please bring your family and/or a friend and a dish to pass. Beverages will be provided.

The first potluck is on:

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 29TH AT 11:45 AM IN CONCORDIA HALL

Hosted by the Board of Missions and Congregational Services. Hope to see you there!



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

ENROLLMENT

St. Peter's is blessed to serve 172 school children Pre-Kindergarten 3-year old's through eighth grade. We also serve an additional 44 in our Daycare.

LEGOS Club

St. Peter's Lutheran School will have a LEGOS (Let Everyone Glorify Our Savior) next school year. This club will meet about once a month after school. The exact dates will be shared at the start of the school year. What is a LEGOS Club? It is an opportunity for students in Grades K-3 to be inspired by God's Word, through a devotion shared by Mr. Tessendorf, and then create something with LEGOs based on that devotion. How can you help? Through the generosity of many families we had a good supply of Legos last year. However, there is always room for more. The Club could also use more Lego People. Please consider donating any LEGOs you no longer play with or need. Or perhaps you may find a good deal on LEGOs at a garage sale and be moved to donate them to the St. Peter's LEGOS Club. Thank you for your consideration. In addition, I am looking for someone to periodically clean and disinfect our LEGO Collection. Please contact Mr. Tessendorf or the Office if you are interested in helping in this important way.

DROP OFF – PICKUP

The morning and afternoon drop-off and pickup procedures for students and staff are changing. The Bus Zone is now along Pine Street and extends all the way to pastor's driveway. Please do not park in the Bus Zone during school hours. You may park on the **EAST** side of Pine Street, across from the offices. Thank you for your cooperation.

Message from Mrs. Hillman

"Forty-four years of teaching in one school, thousands of lesson plans, hundreds of hugs, a career full of memories and one of the most rewarding jobs ever!"

Dear St. Peter's Lutheran Church and School family,

I am announcing my retirement as Kindergarten Teacher at St. Peter's Lutheran School at the completion of this school year 2019-2020.

I want to thank everyone for the wonderful opportunities I've had nurturing and teaching the little lambs of Jesus over the past 44 years. I came to St. Peter's just out of college and taught first grade for eleven years. The last thirty-three years have been in kindergarten which I absolutely loved.

While I look forward to retirement, I will miss my daily contact with colleagues, school families and little people. Most of all I will miss the times of sharing with students my faith in Jesus and His abundant love and mercy for us.

My class theme for many years has been "Life is a Journey". It has been such a JOY to take students on adventures both in the classroom as well as outside the school as they journey through life. A favorite Bible verse of mine comes from John 4:3 and says, "I have no greater joy than to hear that my children are walking in the truth." Yes, life is a journey we're taking each day and God in His mercy from heaven above blesses our journey in love.

I look forward to new opportunities in my retirement where God will use me to continue to grow in His kingdom.

May God continue to bless the ministry of St. Peter's Lutheran Church and School!

In Christ's Service, Char Hillman



What is a steward? Most people will say a steward is a manager.

That is correct, but it is only half right. A steward is indeed a manager, but he is a manager of what does not belong to him. Someone else is the owner, and the steward manages the owner's property on the owner's behalf.

We are God's stewards. Our stewardship is that God has made us managers of what belongs to Him:

"For we brought nothing into this world, and we cannot take anything out of the world" (1 Tim. 6:7)

Everything that we have and everything that we are comes from God's fatherly divine goodness and mercy. God is the owner. This is not only because He created all things; He is also the redeemer. He has redeemed that is, purchased – and won all things. Therefore, it all belongs to Him. We are simply managers of everything in this world. Like Joseph in Egypt, we are put in charge of managing what belongs to God. What a privilege. Think about that for a minute. The all-knowing, all-powerful, all-wise God has asked us to manage his possessions on His behalf here on earth. And by doing this, He invites us to take part in the allocation of His good gifts. He wants us to give our input and advise Him in where His gifts are to be used. What a privilege indeed.

But what a responsibility!

"Everyone to whom much was given, of him much will be required" (Luke 12:48b).

We are not the owners. And while He puts us as managers, we are still to do with His property what He wants done with it. That means we need to know what He desires and wills for His property.

How do we know this? How can we know the will and mind of God?

We find the will of God in the Bible. There God tells us what His will is for all of His gifts. He tells us how we are to spend our time and use our talents and treasures. He instructs us in the use of our minds, bodies, and souls.

There is nothing we have that doesn't belong to Him.

"Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, whom you have from God? You are not your own, for you were bought with a price. So glorify God in your body" (1 Cor. 6:19–20).

God informs us of the big picture, the overarching policy, of how we as His stewards – managers and custodians – are to manage His property.

And that is stewardship. It is simply doing what God wants us to do with what He has given us.

As St. Paul said,

"Do not present your members to sin as instruments for unrighteousness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and your members to God as instruments for righteousness" (Rom. 6:13).

So, let's dive into God's Word, and listen to what He desires from His stewards.

SAVE THE DATE!!

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.

Carry-outs are available.

RESPONSE TO THE THIRD CALL

I want to thank you for the prayers in seeking the Lord's guidance in the consideration of the Calls extended to me at St. Peter's and Trinity Lutheran Church, Medford & Chelsea, WI. After seeking the Lord's guidance through prayer, the Lord has led me to decline the Call extended to me from Trinity Lutheran Church, Medford & Chelsea, WI. and desires me to remain here at St. Peter's as your pastor. I ask that you would pray for the congregation and school at Trinity that the Lord would grant them patience and peace as they wait for the Lord to provide for them a pastor.

In Christ, Pastor Paul Crolius



ORGAN FUND

Expenses for the organ, which include regular tuning, part replacements, etc., come from memorials that have been given. Those gifts do not always cover the maintenance this extraordinary musical instrument is in need of. If you would like to contribute to this fund, please place your gift in the offering plate marked "Organ Fund". Thank you.



SEPTEMBER 14 & 15

St. Peter's will again participate in Back to Church Weekend. What is it? It is a campaign to touch hearts, increase hope and strengthen the members of our faith community through the living Word of God. It is a campaign to encourage people to "try church again." You see God gives us this incredible promise that His Word works. It does not necessarily change the situation we are in, but it does change our outlook and give us peace and strength, because it points us to the hope and comfort, we have unconditionally though Jesus Christ. So, invite someone you know to come to church with you and join us in worship. It will be a great celebration!



If you would like to sponsor a broadcast (radio \$110, video \$35), please contact the church office at 524-4512 ext., 1. There are several services available to be sponsored yet in 2019.



Middle School Parents, Teachers, Community and Church working Together. This special presentation will occur on Wednesday, September 11 at 6:00 p.m. in Concordia Hall. You will find this to be helpful for all grades, but especially important to **parents** of child(ren) in grades 4-8. There will be information on Adolescence and how St. Peter's and parents can work together during the important Middle School years. DON'T MISS IT!

St. Peter's Lutheran Church Quarterly Voters' Meeting – July 25, 2019

Meeting was called to order at 7pm by Chairman, Gil Biskupski. Pastor Crolius had a devotion and prayer. All were asked to sign the attendance sheet. April Voter's meeting minutes were presented, Motion was made by Don McCauley to approve, second by Joy Tessendorf, passed by voice vote.

Pastor Crolius gave the Pastor's Report and Membership Change Report, motion to approve, second by Phil Rogers, passed by voice vote. Pastor Crolius thanked the congregation for their prayers and visits following Michelle's successful foot surgery. He requested continued prayers in regards to his two calls to Steelville, IL and Medford/Chelsea, WI. Pastor also requested prayers for the LAMP team who will be returning from a successful mission trip in Canada tomorrow.

Principal's Report was given by Mr. Tessendorf via Power Point presentation.

- The theme for the 2019-2020 school year will be Joy-Fully Lutheran
- Staff: Mrs. VanMeeteren has accepted the 7th grade teaching position for the first semester of the 2019-2020 school year. St. Peter's will work to extend a Call for that position beginning with the second semester
- Back-to-School Night will be August 28, 4:00 7:00 PM
- Lego Club needs regular bricks, Lego helpers to clean & disinfect
- Principal's Chat scheduled for September 18 at 6:30 PM
- National Lutheran Schools Accreditation completion goal of March 2020
- Potential Student Awareness promoting St. Peter's for those searching for a school
- Volunteer opportunities at St. Peter's: Lego Club, information board updates, morning shepherd assistant, lunch monitor, recess duty assistant
- New gym mats & transversal climbing wall will be installed in September
- Working to update the fire alarm system, estimated cost of \$112,000
- Enrollment numbers: 167 current enrollees

Financial Management Report was given by Nate Braun.

Foundation Management Report was given by Linda Biskupski.

Nominating Committee Report was given by Seth Troxel. All current church officers have agreed to continue for the next year. The committee is still seeking candidates for the following: Board of Elders, Board of Trustees, Board of Education, Board of Stewardship, Financial Foundation, Board of Missions & Congregational Services, Financial Management Council

Recommendations through the Church Council:

Brian Albrecht, on behalf of the Board of Education, made a motion to increase staff salaries/base salary schedule by 3% effective July 1, 2019. Currently St. Peter's pays only 80% of the recommended salary, the increase would make us more competitive as we continue to seek a candidate for the seventh-grade position. Second by Dave Dietz, passed by voice vote.

Old Business: None

New Business:

Gil Biskupski made the following motions to address Board vacancies:

- Ron Wunsch to fill a Financial Management Committee vacancy for 2018-2020. Second by Nate Braun, passed by voice vote.
- Cindy Ruhland to fill a Missions & Congregational Services vacancy for 2018-2020. Second by Kathy Corey, passed by voice vote.
- Bob Corey to fill a Board of Elders vacancy for 2019-2021. Second by Seth Troxel, passed by voice vote.

Motion to adjourn by Sharon Craker, second by Matt Dehn. The meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer. Respectfully submitted, Mary Vethe, Secretary



ST. PAUL & ZION LUTHERAN CHURCHES

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July 22, 2019

Dear Fellow Saints in Christ,

Last year on August 28, the waters of the Baraboo River exceeded its banks with devastating results. Homes, businesses, and churches were inundated. The flood's effect was not limited to property and possessions. Hearts were flooded with discouragement and despair. A flood of questions ensued. What do we do? Where do we start? How are we going to do this? The Sunday after the waters had receded at Zion, I addressed that last question. I encouraged everyone to remember that Zion is the Lord's House and He will take care of it! He will restore it! He will provide everything necessary to continue His ministry of Word and Sacrament in this place! And He did...beyond all expectations and in ways that could never have been imagined! With many hands that labored, hands that folded in prayer, and hands that gave, He did!

He arranged for St. Paul in Sykeston, N.D., a congregation that held their final service of Word and Sacrament earlier in the year, to have their church altar furnishings and pews re-utilized in His service at Zion! And, who would have ever thought that a church organ would be included in the shipment, one that our sister congregation, St. Paul, desperately needed! It was even an exact duplicate of the church organ that long ago had given up the ghost! Financial gifts and support arrived in abundance from individuals, groups, and congregations. I can't even begin to thank so many of the Lord's saints who made sacrificial gifts for the restoration project at Zion! Praise God from whom all blessings flow!

So, let's celebrate and rededicate! On Sunday, Sept. 29, 2019, a <u>Service of Celebration</u> will be held at Zion at 10:30am with Rev. Carlyle Roth, a former pastor at St. Paul in Sykeston, delivering the message from God's Holy Word! A free catered Sunday Dinner at the park pavilion behind Zion will be served from noon to 1:00pm. Then, a <u>Service of Dedication</u> will follow at 1:30pm with our South Wisconsin District President, Rev. John Wille, preaching the Word of the Lord. Rev. Jonah Burakowski, our South Wisconsin District Mission Executive who spent so much time with us and provided us with so many resources after the flood, will participate in the afternoon service as well. Please join us for the Service of Celebration, the Sunday Dinner, and the Service Dedication. Spread the word! All glory and praise to God alone!

In His Service, Rev. Zobert Butle **Rev. Robert Butler**

If you wish to attend the dinner, please contact the St. Peter's Church office at 524-4512, ext. 1, to signup, before September 10th. This will allow us to give an accurate number to St. Paul & Zion Church so they can better prepare for the meal. Thank you.

HAPPY BIRTHDA	ν το νομμ	SMITH, DEBRA	9/18
		GUNTHER, KRISTA	9/19
ANTOINE, BRYAN	9/1	KRUEGER, HAYDEN	9/19
FINNEGAN, CARRIE	9/1	MINOR, SCOTT	9/19
HATFIELD, DINAH	9/1	SCHARA, RITA	9/19
	9/1	SZOPINSKI, LUCAS	9/19
TROXEL, DEBBIE	9/1	BEHN, WILLIAM	9/20
WEBER, GRANT	9/1	DIETZ, JOHN	9/20
	9/2	RYCZEK, ARDITH	9/20
KNUTH, LANDEN	9/2	SCHIEFELBEIN, JAMES	9/20
KNUTH, RYLEN	9/2	CROLIUS, MICHELLE	9/21
VOGEL, KURT	9/2	SETTERBO, CHAD	9/22
BRAUN, NATHAN	9/3	WUNSCH, SOPHIA	9/22
MCCAULEY, CAROLINE	9/3	CASTILE, MALINDA	9/23
THOMAS, EMILY	9/3	DANIELS, GARY	9/23
THOMAS, KATHERINE	9/3	FINKEL, AARON	9/23
PARCE, SHAWN	9/4	STOLTE, JONATHAN	9/23
SCHROEDER, EMILY	9/4	ARCHAMBO, TYLER	9/24
SCHULTZ, DAYNE	9/4	DRIES, EMMA	9/24
SWANSON, JENNIFER	9/4	FILUS, MATTHEW	9/24
ZIMMERMAN, GABRYEL	9/5	RADTKE, LOIS	9/24
GADE, ANGELA	9/6	REINKE, GAIL	9/24
MILLER, THOMAS	9/6	REUTER, JENNIFER	9/24
ROCKWEILER, KRISTIE	9/6	THOMPSON, LIANNA	9/24
ABBOTT, HUNTER	9/8	IMHOFF, JEFFREY	9/25
FRY, LORI	9/8	ZIMMERMAN, THOMAS	9/25
MCCAULEY, CYNTHIA	9/8	CRAKER, CALVIN	9/26
MILLER, RENEE	9/8	KLINGENMEYER,	9/26
MINOR, SIDNEY	9/8	GERALDINE	
SCHMIDT, GIANNA	9/8	KNITT, TINA	9/26
SCHUPPNER, KAREN	9/8	HALVENSLEBEN,	9/27
WESTPHAL, EMILY	9/8	MAKENNA	
BERBERICH, MARK	9/9	IMHOFF, JAN	9/27
BRAUN, JANICE	9/9	KLITZKE, CADENCE	9/27
ELY, GREGG	9/9	KRUEGER, RONALD	9/27
SACRE, REBECCA	9/9	MCPHERSON, GEORGE	9/27
SANDERS, MARSHA	9/9	CRISAFULLI, BRENDA	9/28
ZIRNGIBLE, CINDY	9/9	KRAUS, BROOKE	9/28
HAHN, DANIEL	9/10	MEYER, RYAN	9/28
JOHNSON, LINDA	9/10	NOLDEN, JULIA	9/28
COOK, JESSICA	9/11	PATTERSON, MAXIMILIAN	9/28
THOMPSON, JULIE	9/11	SCHROEDER, DARCY	9/28
CURTIN, CALLIE	9/12	ALBRECHT, JACKOB	9/29
HENDRIKSON, KARLA	9/13	EVEN, MELLISA	9/29
GROSKREUTZ, JOEL	9/14	HALVENSLEBEN, ELLA	9/29
MILLER, AVERY	9/14	KRUSE, JAELYN	9/29
WILSON, CHARLES	9/14	KRUSE, SOPHIA	9/29
DANKERT, ASPEN	9/16	NACHREINER, BEN	9/29
HALVENSLEBEN, SUSAN	9/16	NACHREINER, LEE	9/29
SPEICH, AMY	9/16	STANDO, SUSAN	9/29
HALL, JETT	9/17	STRUCK, JOY	9/29
HALL, JOEY	9/17	BRANDT, JOANNE	9/30
MAURER, SHIRLEY	9/17	BRANDT, TIMOTHY	9/30
PURANEN, CLARENCE	9/17	JOHANSEN, NANCY	9/30
CRISAFULLI, KRISTINE	9/18	KLITZKE, LORI	9/30
REIMER, WESLEY	9/18	NELSON, BRITON	9/30

