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FROM THE PASTOR

*"Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy set before Him endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God."
(Hebrews 12:2)*

Dear friends in Christ,

It is hard to believe that Lent is almost here. At our house, we still have the outside Christmas lights turned on at night. Christmas seems to have come and gone so quickly and the season of Epiphany will pass as well. It does not seem possible that Ash Wednesday is already approaching on February 26th. This kicks off the season of Lent.

The seasons change quickly, but we are still now and always called by God and through God to keep our eyes and hearts fixed on Jesus. We need to be like the distance runner who concentrates on the finish line. Our eyes and hearts need to be fixed on Him, because He is the object of our faith. Faith begins and is finished in Him. Jesus is the one who has already run the race and earned forgiveness of sins and eternal life by grace through faith in Him alone.

How soon our eyes are taken from the manger to the cross. Our Lord did not come to remain a baby, but instead to live to run the race that led Him to the cross to pay for our sins and the sins of the entire world. He then rose our victorious Lord who conquered sin, death, and

the devil. We remember though there may be hardships along the way, if we by His power fix our eyes on Jesus, He will uphold us and give us the strength to finish the race. He is also the One who at times carries His little lambs in His loving arms along the way. He is the One who enables us to finish the race strong in His love and care. May our eyes and hearts ever be focused in all seasons as individuals and as a church body on Jesus. We continue always to proclaim Him as Lord of Lords and Savior for all.

During the season of Lent as always, we will have ample opportunity to come and receive God's strength and His power to keep our eyes and lives focused on Him. Come and join us in Bible class with the many opportunities that we have at St. Peter's on Sunday and throughout the week. Run every day to God in prayer and in your personal devotional life. Join us in worship not only on the weekend but also in the special Lenten services that we have. Prepare for His second coming by fixing continually your hearts and eyes on Him. He not only is the reason for the season at Christmas, but He is also the reason for the season in Lent and all the seasons of the year.

God's blessings now and always!
In Christ,
Pastor Paul Crolius

MARRIAGE

Keith Craker and Kelsi Rufenacht were united in marriage on Saturday, January 4, 2020.

BAPTISM

Derrick Piotr, son of Daniel and Jennifer (Sewielski) Meyer, was born November 14, 2019, and was baptized on Sunday, January 19, 2020.



YOUTH & FAMILY MINISTRY

A fund for Youth & Family Ministry was unanimously established at our last Voters' meeting. This fund was created for the purpose of supporting the ministry of a full-time DCE. We already have a pledge of \$1000 a year. That is a little less than \$20 a week. If 40 people would pledge \$1000 a year above their regular offering, this ministry would be supported!! Please prayerfully consider supporting this wonderful ministry.



Would you like to sponsor the radio broadcast, which also includes the Lutheran Hour broadcast (\$110.00) a video broadcast (\$35.00) or you may like to sponsor the bulletin (cost \$60.00) or flowers on the altar.

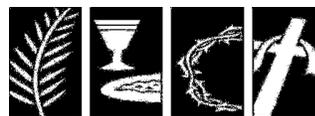
Please sign up on the charts located on the bulletin board in the narthex or call the church office at 524-4512, ext. 1.

THANK YOU

Dear members of St. Peter's Lutheran Church and School

I hope the Christmas season has blessed you well. I would like to thank you for your continuous monetary and spiritual support. I am currently in my junior year at Concordia Chicago. Over the summer it was laid on my heart by God that I should pursue being a Director of Christian Education. The change has been amazing and I am loving it all. Please continue to keep me in your thoughts and prayers.

God's Blessings,
Aaron Finkel



Lenten Services

Ash Wednesday, February 26
5:00 pm Lenten Supper – St. Peter's Youth

Wednesday, March 4
5:00 pm Lenten Supper – Ladies Aid

Wednesday, March 11
5:00 pm Lenten Supper - LAMP

Wednesday, March 18
5:00 pm Lenten Supper – 7 & 8th Grade
Ark Encounter & Creation Museum Trip

Wednesday, March 25
5:00 pm Lenten Supper – Orphan Grain Train

Wednesday, April 1
5:00 pm Lenten Supper

Maundy Thursday H.C.
April 9 - 2:00 & 7:00 pm

Good Friday, April 10
1:30 & 7:00 p.m.

Saturday, April 11 – No Services

Easter Sunday – April 12
6:00 a.m. Sunrise Service
8:00 & 10:30 a.m. Divine Service
7:00 – 10:30 a.m. Easter Breakfast
served by St. Peter's Youth



YOUTH

Youth Update and Upcoming Events

- Sunday, Feb 9 Middle School Game Night (hosted at St. John @ 6-8 PM)
- Camp LuWiSoMO open for registration! Register your camper at <http://www.luwisomo.org/>
- This year's LAMP Carnival is on Sunday, Feb 23 at the school. Fun and games for the whole family!

Volunteer Opportunity

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!

Members of St. Peter's

I am currently six months into my year-long internship here at St. Peter's, and the next step in the process is to prayerfully consider whether or not I should receive a Call here or another congregation. I will be working with the church leadership to determine the best course of action.

Please continue to pray for us, that God would bless us with wisdom and guidance as we arrive at His decision over the next couple of months.

Whatever happens, we know that God's will is always done, and that we can serve Him wherever He places us!

-Josiah Schultz

The Culture Translator

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."



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**IT'S CARNIVAL
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**LAMP TEAM
& ST. PETER'S
YOUTH**

Following the 10:30 a.m. church service on Sunday, February 23rd, the LAMP (Lutheran Association of Missionaries and Pilots) Mission Team and St. Peter's Youth will be holding a carnival at the school to raise money for the LAMP mission trip to Garden Hill, Manitoba. Each year the team travels to the First Nations Reserve to spread the Gospel message by leading a week-long Vacation Bible School in the community.

There will be food, games, and a silent auction. Please stop by and have some fun while supporting our missionaries!

If you are looking for another way to help, there is a giving board located in the entrance of the church. You may donate items posted on the board by placing them in the tote near the board, or by delivering them to the school office.

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



Do You Want to Build A Snowman?

The 3rd and 4th grade students worked together to make a big snowman. The challenge was getting the large "body" snowball on top of the "legs" snowball. They attempted brute force but no matter how many worked together the snowball was not able to be put in place. Then they came up with the idea of rolling it on the steps of the play scape. IT WORKED! It was AWESOME to watch the classes work together for a common goal.



Sponsored by Safe Harbor Homeless Shelter
This year's dance will be held on Saturday, February 8, from 6-8:00 p.m. at the Reedsburg Country Club. A Princess and her Prince is \$25 and additional Princess tickets are \$5.00. It is not necessary to purchase tickets in advance. All tickets will be sold at the door.



On behalf of all the people who are blessed to serve our Lord at St. Peter's Lutheran Church and School, I want to **THANK YOU** for your generosity in your contribution to the Staff Christmas Gifts.

It is greatly appreciated. Just one of the many reasons it is a joy to serve at St. Peter's.



NLSA Validation Team will be at St. Peter's February 9-11th. This is an important process as we continue to improve the already exceptional Christian Education offered by St. Peter's.



Open House/Principal Chat

St. Peter's School Open House is February 10 from 4:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m. The Open House will be followed by a Principal Chat. This year the Principal Chat will include information on the Adolescent Brain, followed by an open forum where you have an opportunity to ask questions and discuss the coming school year with the Principal and members of the Board of Christian Education. This is a great event to invite people you may know who are looking for an AWESOME Christian School.

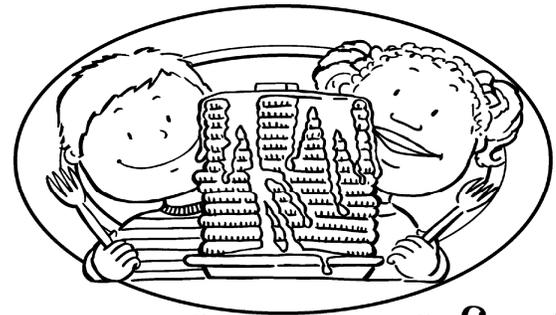


Lutheran Ministry Program Completed

Congratulations to Mrs. Vossen on her completion of the Lutheran Ministry Program offered by Concordia, Nebraska. The Lutheran Ministry Program was developed by

Concordia to address the growing number of non-synodical trained teachers in the Lutheran School System. It is different from the Colloquy program. Teachers who complete the Lutheran Ministry Program do not become Lutheran, however, they do gain an understanding of the unique nature of teaching in a Lutheran School.

Exciting things happening
around our school!!



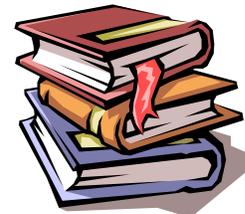
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Tickets are \$1.00 more at the door
Carry outs available



Come and visit the Scholastic Book Fair

Thursday, February 27 3:00 - 4:00 p.m.
Friday, February 28 7:30 - 8:30 a.m.
3:00 - 4:00 p.m.
Sunday, March 1 7:30 am - Noon



CONGRATULATIONS!! to all our spellers. Those highlighted are the classroom winner.

CONGRATULATIONS!

Upper Grade Spelling Bee Champion 6th Grader, Trenton Dehn!!

5th Grade

Ethan Braun
Jake Lichte
Gracie Roloff

6th Grade

Trenton Dehn
Anna Gerike
Masina Reuter

7th Grade

Kaiden Fuhrman
Kylee Molitor
Sophie Williams

8th Grade

Abby Alcantar
Chloe Klitzke
Emma Herritz



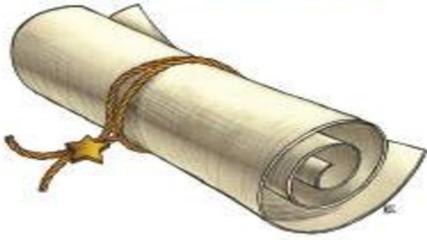
JUMP ROPE CONTEST

The Annual Jump Rope Contest for 1 - 8th grade students was held Thursday, January 16th. Our speedy jumpers competing are listed below. Those highlighted are classroom winners and have qualified to compete in the State Contest in Bloomer, WI, Jump Rope Capital of the World, on January 25, 2020.

- 1st Adelyn Shimniok, Kinsley Klett, **Jocelin Braun**
- 2nd **Drew Weber**, Gabby Bauer, Nolan Swanson
- 3rd **Lucas Breneman**, Ashlyn Brandt, Karlee Smith
- 4th **Lindsey Lichte**, Aurora Murphy, Lainee Skinner
- 5th **Gracie Roloff**, Chloe Roloff, Grant Weber
- 6th Newton Butler, Luna Murphy, **Noah Herritz**
- 7th **Kylee Molitor**, Sophie Williams, Kenny Meyer
- 8th Chloe Klitzke, **Emma Herrtiz**, Drake Murphy



HONOR ROLL STUDENTS



St. Peter's Lutheran School 2nd Quarter Honor Roll

5th Grade - A Honor Roll

Lukas Albrecht	Ethan Braun	Jake Lichte	Aubrey Mathews
Chloe Roloff	Gracie Roloff	Emma Schmidt	Dayne Schultz
Kinley Skinner	Andrew Stando	Matthew Stando	Grace Thomas
Malinda Wafle	Grant Weber	Emma Williams	

5th Grade - B Honor Roll

Sierra Breidenbach	Ethan Wilcox
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6th Grade - A Honor Roll

Jackob Albrecht	Joseph Deering	Trenton Dehn	Amelia Fuller
Anna Gerike	Noah Herritz	Amalie Johnson	Masina Reuter
Sawyer Roloff	Ava VanCoulter		

6th Grade - B Honor Roll

Newton Butler	Conner Combs	Kendra Daniels	Kaydin Keesee
Luna Murphy	Evan Pahl	Brett Wilson	

7th Grade - A Honor Roll

Callie Curtin	Kaiden Fuhrman	Ashlyn Mathews	Kylee Molitor
Brynn Oberman	Jaelyn Ray	Rhaya Schultz	Sophie Williams
Brianna VanCoulter	Aubrey Snyder		

7th Grade - B Honor Roll

Londonn Holder	Kenny Meyer	Tyler Schneider
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8th Grade - A Honor Roll

Hunter Abbott	Abby Alcantar	Emmalynn Herritz	Caiden Karstetter
Chloe Klitzke	Drake Murphy	Searra Stowers	



Of the three things a person is not to talk about in polite company – religion, politics, and money – the church is called, in one way or another, to talk about all three. Perhaps this is the reason why teaching about stewardship often seems to be an afterthought. It's something that happens only out of necessity when financial constraints are already nipping at the heels.

There is a more excellent way. Stewardship shouldn't be the kind of teaching that comes up only when there is a financial crunch. It should be part and parcel of the ongoing instruction of Christians as they live out their faith in their vocations – members of their family, their society, and their church. This teaching touches upon every facet of our lives; it stakes a claim upon our time, our presence, our prayers, and our possessions.

Stewardship begins with the acknowledgment that we are stewards. A steward is a manager of someone else's possessions. In Christian stewardship, we recognize, according to the Apostles' Creed, that God is the owner of all things as the Creator, Redeemer, and Sanctifier. And in His fatherly divine goodness and mercy, He gives us what is His to manage here below.

The principal virtue for stewards is faithfulness. As St. Paul wrote to the Christians in Corinth: "Moreover, it is required of stewards that they be found faithful." (1 Cor. 4:2)

Stewards must manage that which belongs to the owner according to the owner's wishes. That is what it means to be faithful in stewardship. That raises a question: How are Christian stewards to be faithful in their managing of what God has entrusted to them to manage? In other words, what are the specific duties of a Christian steward? This depends upon what God has revealed in His Word for each of our vocations in life as those in a family (fathers, mothers, husbands, wives, children), society (governors or citizens), and the church (pastors or laity). The Table of Duties from *Luther's Small Catechism* lays this out in helpful and orderly way. Let's look just at what the laity (hearers as it is labeled in the catechism) owe their pastors: "In the same way, the Lord has commanded that those who preach the gospel should receive their living from the gospel." (1 Cor. 9:14)

"Let the one who is taught the word share all good things with the one who teaches. Do not be deceived: God cannot be mocked. A man reaps what he sows." (Gal. 6:6–7). "Let the elders who rule well be considered worthy of double honor, especially those who labor in preaching and teaching. For the Scripture says, 'You shall not muzzle an ox when it treads out the grain,' and, 'The laborer deserves his wages.'" (1 Tim. 5:17–18)

We can see that the Lord commands hearers to support the work of the ministry with the gifts God endowed them – their time, their presence, their prayers, and their possessions. This is the means by which God blesses His people with His gifts: the ministry with the support of those whom they serve, and the hearers with the work of the ministry.

St. Paul expounds upon this further in his letters to the church at Corinth. He instructs them to give regularly (1 Cor. 16:1–2), proportionally (1 Cor. 16:1–2; 2 Cor. 8:12), and generously (2 Cor. 8:20) of our first-fruits (1 Cor. 16:2) with a spirit of eagerness (2 Cor. 9:2), earnestness (2 Cor. 8:7), cheerfulness (2 Cor. 9:7), and love (2 Cor. 8:23).

All of this teaching is set forth squarely within the context of stations to which God calls us. This is always appropriate for the church to speak because it instructs God's people in how they are to live out their faith as His stewards under those who are created, redeemed, and sanctified by Him.



WEBER, RYAN	2/1
PARCE, SHYANNE	2/2
ANDREOLI, CHRISTINE	2/3
DIETZ, DANIEL	2/3
GENZ, DAWN	2/3
KRUSE, JOANNE	2/3
REIMER, MIKHAIL	2/3
SCHMITT, SAMUEL	2/3
DEITELHOFF, DALLAS	2/4
STRUTZ, AUDREY	2/4
TAYLOR, ADAM	2/4
WESTPHAL, KAREN	2/4
PERTZBORN, MARTY	2/5
TESKE, GARY	2/5
ZIMMERMAN, JEREMY	2/5
SCHAFFER, DREW	2/6
SCHMIDT, JENNIFER	2/6
THOMAS, GRACE	2/6
HANKE, ERIN	2/7
MILLER, NOAH	2/7
NELLESEN, JAXSON	2/7
BELL, KATIE	2/8
GRIEVES, ERICK	2/8
WHITEHURST, JOAN	2/8
FINKEL, PAIGE	2/9
OTKIN, TYLER	2/9
FRANK, TYSON	2/10
MOLITOR, ERIKA	2/10
RUFENACHT, GERALD	2/10
SHANAHAN, ANNETTE	2/11
CRAKER, KEITH	2/12
SCHROEDER, ALAN	2/12
ZIMMERMAN, SHARON	2/12
DUREN-HENKE, ELIZABETH	2/13
MILLER, LINDSEY	2/13
SCHMIDT, TAYLOR	2/13
SCHULENBURG, PAMELA	2/13
ANDERSON, JENNIFER	2/14
BIRDSILL, BRITTANY	2/14
MILLER, GLENN	2/14
COLE, BRIANNA	2/15
KENYON, ASPYNN	2/15
WOOD, CLARENCE	2/15
COLLINS, KATHY	2/16

GADE, DIANE	2/16
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BERLIN, STEVEN	2/23
BESSERT, RONALD	2/23
CROUSE, WILLIAM	2/23
HARRISON, WHITLEY	2/23
TOEDER, KAREN	2/23
ARCHAMBO, JILL	2/24
BRANDT, AUTUMN	2/24
BRANDT, MARCIA	2/24
DEHN, MATTHEW	2/24
HALL, JESSICA	2/24
KLITZKE, CASSIDY	2/24
REUTER, RYAN	2/24
WOLLIN, NATHANIEL	2/25
BERBERICH, CINDY	2/26
NOLDEN, HEATHER	2/26
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