



ST. PETER'S MESSENGER

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FROM THE PASTOR

*Psalm 37:5 "Commit your way to the Lord;
trust in Him, and He will do this."*

It has been said, "That while traveling in the Far East, one will see some very interesting sights, especially toward evening." A person will find many people returning home from work or being at the market. Some will return with carts that are half filled. Others will return with heavy packs on their backs. Still others will come home with an animal pulling a near empty wagon.

Sometimes one will even see a cart without a driver. At first it appears as if the cart and the animal are all alone. A closer look, however, reveals the driver sound asleep in the cart. If we would ask one of the villagers why the driver is asleep, they would answer, "Why not? The animal knows the way home. And he'll take the driver right to his house."

If only we could relax like that and have more trust and confidence in our Lord! And why shouldn't we? We know the answer and have the solution -- Jesus Christ. He traveled our way before. He knows the way. In fact, He is the way. He saves, leads, guides, cares and blesses us all the way during our life's journey. He has provided for our greatest need of forgiveness, life and salvation through Jesus. None of us can reach the Father's home but by

God's grace through faith in Him. Jesus is the only way to our Father's heavenly home.

People often trust animals but not one another. Should we not have more trust in God than what the farmer has in his animal? May God enable us all to commit our way to Him and trust in Him each and every day no matter what. He not only is in control, but He alone has the power to bless.

May God bless you richly during this Lenten season with His grace and peace. I encourage all to join us in worship on the weekend and also for our special midweek services. May we abiding in Him through His Word in worship and Sacrament ever be enabled to be united in mission and ministry as we follow, trust and proclaim the glorious message of our Victorious Savior to all.

In Christ,
Pastor Crolius

BAPTISMS

Paul Ryan, son William and Christina (Meyer) Hagen, was born October 26, 2017, and was baptized on January 28, 2018.

MEMORIALS

Given in memory of Richard Gant
Radio Fund \$675.00

Given in memory of Angelene Roecker
St. Peter's Church \$50.00
St. Peter's School \$50.00

Given in memory of John Bernien
St. Peter's Foundation \$655.00

LADIES AID

The February 7th meeting began at noon with a "thank-you" buffet for volunteers who so willingly help serve funeral lunches. President Eldarene Bowlin expressed our gratitude, saying, "We couldn't do it without you." Pastor Crolius gave the opening devotion and blessed a prayer shawl made by Betty Andreasen. More women were encouraged to make shawls.

St. Peter's 1st graders and their teacher, Michelle Crolius, came to entertain. They sang and concluded their program by inviting us to be their partners playing bingo – using kids' cards and candy.

President Bowlin opened the business meeting.

Committee of the Month: Dee Duley reported guests were served at the funeral lunch for Richard Gant. Committee chairman for March will be Eldarene Bowlin. The Ladies Aid will serve the March 7th Lenten Supper. The free-will offering will be given to the church tuckpoint fund. It was decided to wait until our April 4th meeting to set a date for cleaning the church kitchen.

The meeting adjourned with the Lord's Prayer.



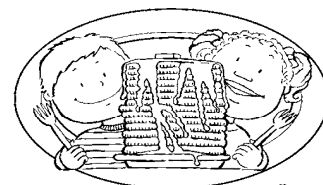
Choose one or all that you will enjoy and fit your schedule.

"The Journey of Paul" led by David Dietz. This group will meet from 6:30-7:30 p.m. on the 2nd & 4th Wednesdays, at Dietz Kitchen Gallery on Main Street.

"Christian Family Related" led by Shane Anderson. This will be a family Bible study, children are welcome. We will meet at 5:30 p.m. on the 1st & 3rd Monday, at the Anderson home, 1152 15th Street, Reedsburg.

"A Work in Progress" led by Carl Baumgart. A lawful "what we should do and how we should act," coupled with a focus on Jesus' love and forgiveness for our human shortcomings.

Tuesday 1:30 pm Bible Study "Great Women of the Bible" in Concordia Hall led by Pastor Crolius and Pastor Anderson.



Pancake Breakfast

SUNDAY, MARCH 4

SERVING FROM 7:00 AM – NOON

Treat yourself to an all you can eat hot breakfast!!

**PANCAKES – EGGS – SAUSAGES – APPLESAUCE
MILK & COFFEE**

ADULTS: \$7.00 – CHILDREN 4 – 12: \$4.00

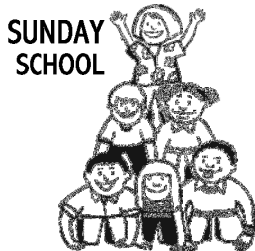
Tickets are \$1.00 more at the door

Carry outs available



Come and visit the Usborne Book Fair

The event is sponsored by the St. Peter's School Board of Education for the purpose of supporting the operations of St. Peter's School.



I am praying that everyone is staying healthy with flu season and winter weather! Sunday School attendance has been down the month of February so hoping March brings back more children. I just enjoy seeing the smiling faces coming to Sunday School! We are truly blessed!

I am asking for prayers for our Sunday School and to consider being a part of our Sunday School program! With a heavy heart I have decided I will not be able to be the Sunday School Superintendent as of the end of May 2018. This has been a great opportunity for me and I have loved the position. I am asking for each of you to pray for our Sunday School program and think about how you can make a difference. If you are interested in being the Sunday School Superintendent please let me know. You may be able to follow me for the month of April or May to see what the position consists of. I also am asking you to consider signing up to be a Sunday School teacher beginning in September 2018. We are in need of teachers and subs! Again, if interested please let me know and I will put your name on the sign up list! The warm weather is around the corner!

Sunday School for March:

March 4 Jesus Calls Philip and Nathaniel
March 11 Jesus Preaches on the Mount
March 18 Jesus Teaches Us to Trust
March 25 Jesus is Anointed

Sunday school classes meet every Sunday from 9:15am-10:15am in the classrooms at the school. We learn about Jesus, do fun crafts/activities, and play games! We love to see new faces and meet new families!

If you have any questions or concerns, or would like to teach or sub for Sunday school, please contact me at: cruland1963@charter.net or cindyruland@saintpetersls.com
Phone: 608-393-0565.
In Christ,
Cindy Ruland, Sunday School Superintendent



**St. Peter's Fourth
Annual
Spring Fling Gala**

**Saturday, April 14, 2018
at the Reedsburg Country Club**

**Proceeds will benefit
St. Peter's Lutheran School.**

**Tickets are \$50 per person and can
be purchased at the office.**



Wednesday, March 7
5:00 pm Lenten Supper – Ladies Aid

Wednesday, March 14
5:00 pm Lenten Supper – 7 & 8th Grade
Ark Encounter & Creation Museum Trip

Wednesday, March 21
5:00 pm Lenten Supper -

Maundy Thursday H.C.
March 29 - 2:00 & 7:00 pm

Good Friday, March 30
1:30 & 7:00 p.m.
Saturday, April 15 – No Services

Easter Sunday – April 1
6:00 a.m. Sunrise Service -8:00 & 10:30 a.m.
7:00 – 10:30 a.m. Easter Breakfast served
by St. Peter's Youth



YOUTH NEWS

Sr Youth

March 7 - 6:00 - 8:00pm ***NOTE TIME CHANGE***
March 21 - NO YOUTH GROUP

Jr Youth

March 14 - 6:00 - 8:00pm
March 28 - NO YOUTH GROUP

February was busy!! We had the Jr Youth American Gladiator event, the LAMP/YOUTH Carnival, and the Youth Lenten Supper!! Thank you to all the parents and youth that helped serve and provide food for the Lenten Supper!! I would also like to thank the youth and the parents that helped serve concessions during the St. Peter's Basketball season!! I truly appreciate all of you and could not have done these things without your help!!

SR YOUTH: We will continue to meet from **6:00pm - 8:00pm** during Lent, with open gym/games from 6:00 - 7:00pm and then we will attend the Lenten service at 7:00pm.

SR AND JR YOUTH TUBING AT CHRISTMAS MOUNTAIN Sunday, March 4

SR and JR Youth are invited to go tubing at Christmas Mountain!! Parents, please bring your youth to the St. Peter's parking lot at 12:30pm dressed for the weather. Pick-up time is 4:30 pm at the St. Peter's parking lot. The cost is only \$5 per person!! I am also looking for drivers to help transport the youth on this day. Please contact me if you are able to drive or are interested in attending this awesome event!!

JR YOUTH OVERNIGHT LOCK-IN March 16-17th

The Lock-In will be held at the school with games, devotions, a servant event, meals/snacks and a ton of fun growing in Christ! The lock-in will begin at 2:00 pm on Friday, March 16th. Youth may be picked up at 9am Saturday. Youth will need to bring a sleeping bag, pillow, extra set of clothes, pajamas, toiletry items, and a Bible. Please let me know if you plan on attending this event so that I can plan for meals/snacks.

If there are any questions about any of these events, please contact me at [608-477-1159](tel:608-477-1159) or jenniferanderson@saintpetersls.com

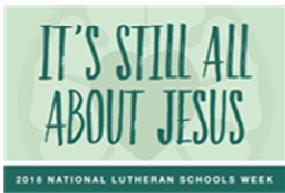
In Christ,
Jennifer Anderson, Youth Director



RADIO BROADCAST CHANGES

As recommended by the Elders and approved by the Voters. We are moving the radio broadcast of our services from WRDB AM 1400 at 8:00 AM to WCNP FM 89.5 at 12:00 noon. We are currently broadcasting on both stations and will continue to do so through Easter Sunday.

Starting the weekend of April 7th and 8th we will be broadcasting only on WCNP FM 89.5 at 12:00 noon. If you have any questions please speak with an Elder.



ST. PETER'S LUTHERAN SCHOOL NEWS

During the month of March we celebrate Lutheran Schools. This year's theme is, "It's Still All About Jesus". The theme is based on Hebrew 13:8 - "Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever." The following thoughts are adapted from the LCMS website.

While everything in Lutheran schools is always about Jesus, this theme clarifies for students, parents, staff, supporters and everyone connected with the school that Jesus is taught, worshipped and lived in the Lutheran school. The "yesterday and today and forever" phrase of Hebrews 13:8 encourages a historical reflection not only of the 500th anniversary of the Reformation, but also a celebration of the "yesterday" of the school. "Today" celebrates God's purposes and promises in the present. The word "forever" not only celebrates the eternal perspective of the message of the Lutheran school, but encourages planning for the future of sharing Jesus in the specific context of the Lutheran school ministry. St. Peter's Lutheran School is part of a network of nearly 2,300 LCMS preschools, elementary schools and high schools.

We are taking time March 4-10 to celebrate the 152 years St. Peter's has provided Lutheran Education in the Reedsburg area. We thank God for the opportunity to provide excellent academic preparation for the children we serve. However, we are most grateful for the opportunity to share Jesus' amazing love with children and their families. Our school is an amazing incubator for faithful witness of God's love for us through Christ.

LWML

President Char Hillman opened our February 12 meeting by welcoming some new faces before we recited our LWML League Pledge.

Char then led our Bible study "Gotta Have Chocolate" showing how different types of chocolate correlate to how we feel about reading God's word and our life as a Christian. Starting our business meeting the Secretary's Report was read and approved and Treasurer's Report was filed for audit.

Committee Reports – Quilters will meet on February 14 and 28. A new sewing machine was bought with Thrivent Action grant money and another Thrivent grant card will be used to buy quilting supplies. Two new children were brought into God's kingdom through baptism. Hygiene items – Betty Andreasen reported that Head Start was very grateful for all the items collected by LWML and St. Peter's School students. Quarterly subscriptions (\$5 each) are due to Marcella Harms soon as need to send in by March 15.

For our Lenten Supper on February 14, we were reminded to each bring a salad and dessert. Our Spring Rally and Prayer Service will together be held at St. Peter's on April 7 from 10:00-12:30/1:00. We will serve muffins, donuts, coffee for breakfast and will decide the lunch menu at our March meeting. We have chosen paper and hygiene items to be collected for our ingathering to be donated to Safe Harbor

The South Wisconsin District LWML Convention is June 22 & 23. Char Hillman and Julie Thompson will attend as delegates. Our zone will supply a "Breakfast" Basket for the Silent Auction. Our March 12 meeting will feature either a program by New Life Lavender and Cherry Farm or a Bible Study led by Joanne Brandt. We sang "Take My Life and Let it Be" to lead into our mite devotion where Mary Schwenkhoff told us the definition for "mite" is "anything small". Mary then read an Arch Book titled "The Widow's Offering" and had enough of these books for us to give to our 8th grade mentorees. We also challenged ourselves to collect a quarter for each gold medal USA wins as part of our March mite offering.

Char Hillman then treated us to a delicious Cherry Shaum Torte.
Julie Thompson, Secretary

2018 National Lutheran Schools Week - March 4 - 9, 2018

Sunday, March 4

8:00 am Children sing families A-K
10:30 am Children sing families L-Z
7:00 am – Noon Pancake Breakfast & Usborne Book Fair

Monday, March 5 – Jesus is the MESSAGE of Scripture

Dress Up - Class Theme Day

Pre-K – Dalmatian Day	Kindergarten – Hawaiian Day	1 st Gr – Superhero/Disney Day
2 nd Gr – Snow White & The Crew	3 rd Gr – Stuff Animal Day	4 th Gr – Nerd Day
5 th Gr – Sports Day	6 th Gr – White Out Day	7 th Gr – Blue Day
8 th Gr - Black Out Day		

12:35 pm Devotions – led by 3rd & 6th Grade
Writing Thinking of You cards for the Military
1:15 pm CO2 Car Races

Tuesday, March 6 – Jesus is the TRUTH of the Reformation

Dress Up Pajama/Comfy Day
12:35 pm Devotions – led by Kindergarten & 5th grade
1:00 pm Movie & Popcorn

Wednesday, March 7 – Jesus is the MISSION of church & school

Dress Up Dress Your Best Day
8:00 – 8:45 am PRK-3 Parachute Play
9:30 am Lower Grade Spelling Bee
12:35 pm Devotions – led by 1 & 4th Grade
Grandparents Day in the classroom
2:00 pm Lenten Service
2:45 pm PRK-4 Parachute Play

Thursday, March 8 – Jesus is the HEART of home

Dress Up Favorite Sports Theme Day
8:00 – 8:45 am PRK-3 Parachute Play
12:35 pm Devotions – led by Student Council & Mr. Tessendorf
1:00 pm Jump Rope for Heart & Dodgeball

Friday, March 9 – Jesus is the FOCUS of our life

Dress Up Rock Star/Crazy Hair/Silly Sock Day
10:00 am Play Dress Rehearsal
12:35 pm Devotions – led by 2nd, 7th & 8th Grade
1:00 pm All School Dance
7:00 pm Upper Grade Play – “The Entire American Revolution in 40 Minutes or Less”

Join us for a fun week of celebration!!

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

5th Grade - A Honor Roll

Callie Curtin	Jack Fenwick	Kaiden Fuhrman	Ashlyn Mathews
Kenny Meyer	Kylee Molitor	Kade Parrish	Jaelyn Ray
Aubrey Snyder	Brianna VanCoulter	Sophie Williams	Kelan Zuelke

5th Grade - B Honor Roll

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6th Grade - A Honor Roll

Hunter Abbott	Zack Brekke	Shelby Bell	Jeffery Zuelke
Seth Becker	Chloe Klitzke	Noah Miller	Kaleb Pertzborn
Brady Brandt	Emma Herritz	Searra Stowers	

6th Grade - B Honor Roll

Abby Alcantar	Caiden Karstetter	Logan Brown	Skylar Daniels
Drake Murphy			

7th Grade - A Honor Roll

Madeline Corbin	Jacob Diamond	Kaylee Gleash	Caden Skinner
Anna Glick	Nathan Stando	Bo Schuppner	

7th Grade - B Honor Roll

Abby VanCoulter	Ashtin Phephles	Nate Gasser	Zach Zautke
Reese Swanson			

8th Grade - A Honor Roll

Bracen Brandt	Hunter Brekke	Melissa Dietz	Cassidy Klitzke
Ella Halvensleben	Callie Johnson	Sam Raupp	Summer Thompson
Grace Rogers	Joshua Thomas	Josiah Sabatier	Marisa Pertzborn

8th Grade - B Honor Roll

Nicholas VanEtten	Addison Procter
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Hudson Taylor, a Nineteenth Century British missionary to China, is reported to have said, “God’s work, done in God’s way, will not lack God’s supply.” To know God’s way, we need to know His Holy Word. Or to say it another way: you need to know your Bible.

St. Paul, before he spends two chapters on giving, wrote that every thought is to be taken captive to the obedience of Christ (2 Cor. 10:5).

Doctrine matters. And doctrine matters because the Scriptures matter. And the Scriptures matter because this is where we learn the teaching of Christ. Our thoughts must be brought into line with the teaching of Scripture so that our work is what God wants done and so that we do this work in His way.

A good tree bears good fruit. A bad tree bears bad fruit. We have been made good trees in holy baptism. We are fertilized and pruned for bearing good fruit by constantly hearing God’s Word preached and taught in sermon and Bible Class and in receiving the life-giving, faith-sustaining food of the Lord’s Supper. Remember your doctrine, hold on to the Lord’s teaching, and your thoughts will be taken captive to the obedience of Christ.

Bringing every thought captive to the obedience of Christ is recognizing that God does provide. The Lord’s Prayer teaches us to pray for daily bread. Praying this day in and day out reminds us that the Lord is the giver of our daily bread, and that we are to give thanks for His daily provision of it.

God is rarely early and never late in His work, as Abraham learned, “on the mount of the Lord it will be provided” (Gen. 22:14). The Lord’s generosity forms our generosity in return. Thus, we set aside for the work of God a generous, first-fruits, proportion of the daily bread that God has given to us. This act of trust in the Lord’s provision is the working out of our faith in Him.

When budgetary discussions pop up, our natural reaction is to point fingers. But remember your doctrine, and what your mother taught about pointing fingers. Our first natural reaction is not always right. In fact, when our thoughts are brought into captivity of Christ, our first reaction should be repentance.

It should raise questions in our own lives. As good trees in Christ who are to bear good fruit, we should ask whether our thoughts are taken captive by obedience to Christ. Have we given generously? Have we given our first-fruits? You know. And God knows. “For the eyes of the Lord run to and fro throughout the whole earth, to show Himself strong on behalf of those whose heart is loyal to Him” (2 Chron. 16:9).

God will provide. He always has and He always will. He gives His meat in due season. He has not left you as orphans, but has grafted you into His own family. You belong to Him. Remember this, letting this thought dwell in you richly. And you will then be rich toward others.

GOD'S BLESSINGS TO YOU!

GLICK, ANNA	3/1
LOOMANS, EUNICE	3/1
MURPHY, DRAKE	3/1
SCHMIDT, CRAIG	3/1
WEBER, KRISTY	3/1
MEYER, CONNIE	3/2
REINKE, DAVID	3/2
BRAUN, ETHAN	3/3
LARRABEE, HEIDI	3/3
MEYER, EVERT	3/3
SCHYVINCK, KIMBERLY	3/3
KRUEGER, DORIS	3/4
MARTIN, JENNIFER	3/4
NOVAK, LAWRENCE	3/4
STOWERS, JAMES	3/4
KNITT, MICHAEL	3/5
LINDLOFF, STUART	3/5
MAURER, BRITTANY	3/5
REIMER, PAMELA	3/5
FRIEDE, MATTHEW	3/6
JAECH, BRUCE	3/6
PRELL, ADAM	3/6
BRODT, MELISSA	3/7
HARMS, TARA	3/7
LEOPOLD, MARY	3/7
ROGERS, GRACE	3/7
RYCZEK, MICHAEL	3/7
MCCLURE, IAN	3/8
MOLITOR, MASON	3/8
THOMPSON, LUCAS	3/8
BRANDT, DUANE	3/10
MILLER, JULIE	3/10
VOGEL, MAE	3/10
LARIDAEN, RICHARD	3/11
MARKUNAS, CAELEN	3/11
STEFAN, KARLIE	3/11
HERRITZ, ADELINE	3/12
MEYER, POLLY	3/12
STEFAN, DAVID	3/12
BELL JR, JASON	3/14
FINKEL, GREG	3/14
GRACE, CRYSTAL	3/14
OAKLEY, TRISTAN	3/14
SCHULENBURG, ZACHARY	3/14
BENSEMAN, ALLEN	3/15
CRISAFULLI, CHERYL	3/15
DIETZ, SABRINA	3/15
SASS, AMY	3/15
VALLE, JULIE	3/15
DICIOCCIO, DEBORAH	3/16
HERRITZ, SANDRA	3/16
NELLESSEN, PATRICK	3/16
TESSENDORF, ROGER	3/16

ZIMMERMAN, MARION	3/16
BAUER, TREVOR	3/17
BEHN, PATRICIA	3/17
KORKLEWSKI, SUSAN	3/17
BAGENSKI, ERIC	3/18
HATFIELD, TARA	3/18
HON, AUTUMN	3/18
MONTGOMERY, ELEANOR	3/18
SCHARA, CODY	3/18
KLITZKE, CONNOR	3/19
MUNDTH, ADAM	3/19
WESTEDT, HENRY	3/19
GADE, REBECCA	3/20
GERIKE, AARON	3/20
PARCE, LORRAINE	3/20
RULAND, CINDY	3/20
STEVENS, ELIZABETH	3/20
ARKIN, CHERYL	3/21
HERRITZ, MARY	3/21
MAURER, WILLIAM	3/21
REIMER, SHARON	3/22
VANETTEN, NICHOLAS	3/22
ADELMAN, NICHOLAS	3/23
FERGUSON, MYAH	3/23
GLICK, LARA	3/23
SCHMIDT, AMY	3/23
ALBRECHT, LUKAS	3/24
BEYER, CAYLEE	3/24
CROLIUS, PAUL	3/24
DEHN, ZANDER	3/24
HARRISON, SCOTT	3/24
KNITT, HUNTER	3/24
MEYER, DEBRA	3/24
MOLITOR, KYLEE	3/24
PASKA, MIRIAM	3/24
SCHULENBURG, JAMES	3/24
STEVENSON, JEFFREY	3/24
DRIES, CINDY	3/25
ESTES, MYRA	3/25
HILLMAN, CHARLOTTE	3/25
KENYON, ROBIN	3/25
MEYER, DANIEL	3/25
TIBBITTS, CAROL	3/25
KLEEBER, RALPH	3/26
PARK, JORDYN	3/26
WILCOX, JEREMIE	3/26
PARCE, TYLER	3/27
STRAMPE, LINDA	3/27
YOUNG, LOGAN	3/27
HAHN, KEVIN	3/28
HARMS, MICHELLE	3/28
KEEL, KELLI	3/28
METCALF, KASEY	3/28
REINFELDT, LUCILLE	3/28
SMITH, KIRSTIN	3/28

KLITZKE, COLBY	3/29
SCHUETTE, DAVID	3/30
SCHYVINCK, BRIANNA	3/30
CHRISTENSEN, MARCIA	3/31
GRACE, KIRSTEN	3/31
KENNEY, JOSHUA	3/31
REINECKE, AMY	3/31
REINKE, SAVANNAH	3/31
STANDO, CARRIE	3/31
VANWORMER, ELIZABETH	3/31