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FROM THE PASTOR

***"Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting?" The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. But thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ."
(1 Corinthians 15:55-57)***

Dear Friends in Christ,

I have always enjoyed the story of a boy and his father who were, on a beautiful spring afternoon, driving down a country road. Their tranquility was interrupted when a bee flew in the car window. You see the little boy, allergic to bee stings, was understandably afraid. No, he was terrified. Without hesitation dad quickly reached out, grabbed the bee, squeezed it in his hand and tried to toss it out the window. The wind blew the bee right back in. The boy started crying, all over again. Once more the father reached out his hand, but this time he showed the bee's stinger stuck in his palm. "Look," he said, "Do you see this? You don't need to be afraid anymore. I've taken the sting for you. It can't harm you"

During this time of the year and always may we rejoice in the truth that because of the life, death, and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ, nothing can ever separate us from God and His love in Jesus. Jesus has removed the sting from death through his sacrifice for our sin and His victorious resurrection. In Jesus, by grace through faith in Him alone, we have forgiveness and abundant life now and eternal. What wonderful news to rejoice in! What wonderful news to share with all people! We need not have any fear or be concerned that anything in life or death may cause us harm. The victory is ours now and forever in Jesus.

The suffering, death, and resurrection of Jesus was necessary to rescue us from a life of sin and selfishness and enable us to live lives of hope, victory, joy and service to God and others in praise of him. That's at the very heart of Christian living and giving empowered by the Holy Spirit. We live and give of ourselves in praise and thanks to our Lord who gives and blesses us with all things. We especially praise Him for the forgiveness of sins and abundant life that we have in our Lord. Thanks be to God the victory is ours through our Risen Savior, Jesus Christ.

In Christ,

Pastor Crolius

BAPTISMS

Vivienne Allison and Owen Bruce, children of Daniel and Anitra Townsend were baptized on Saturday, March 17, 2018. Sponsors are Scott and Tammy Gorski.

LWML

Our meeting opened with our LWML pledge followed by President Hillman reading a poem about "Memories of the Farm".

Char then introduced Laura McReynolds, owner of New Life Lavender & Cherry Farm. She and her husband wanted to make a change in their life, moved from Kansas with their 3 children, and bought a small farm near the Baraboo bluffs. Wanting to help others, they planted 5,000 lavender plants and 700 cherry trees. The fruits of their labor are in the products sold in their new farm store. Beside special events, they also have farm to table tours regularly.

The Secretary's Report was read and approved and the Treasurer's Report was filed for audit.

Quilting will be held March 14 & 18 from 8:30-Noon; anyone is welcome to come quilt with us. No new baptisms to report.

We discussed our Lenten Supper and voted to send 10 percent of the proceeds to Mites.

Our April gathering will be the Spring Rally and Prayer Service together with our zone here at St. Peters on April 7. Registration is at 9:30 for which we will provide pastries, coffee and juice. The Rally and Prayer Service will start at 10:00; our zone counselor will lead the Prayer Service. For lunch we will serve pork sandwiches, salads and sherbert. Our members will each bring a salad for the lunch.

Peanut Butter and Jelly Weekend is May 13-14; Lynette Hillman will head up this project. We thank everyone who donates to this cause.

Joanne Brandt will lead our May Bible study. We sang Happy Birthday to our March birthday ladies, Char and Marcia.

Mary Schwenkhoff led us singing "Lift High the Cross" to start our mite devotion. Mary reported that our South Wisconsin District is very behind in what we need to pay for our mite grants. Joanne informed us that any grants not paid by the end of the 2016-2018 biennium will be the first to be paid in the next biennium. Mary gave us prayer cards for our mite boxes and led us in our devotion describing the background and meaning of 8 different crosses.

We thanked our servers Alice Hamburg and Joanne Brandt for a delicious dessert to end our evening of fellowship.

Julie Thompson, Secretary

LADIES AID

Ladies Aid members met on March 7th at 3pm after the Lenten service. President Eldarene Bowlin introduced guest speaker, Mandy Retzlaff, who explained her new venture of starting her own adult day service business Reminisce: the ideal solution for seniors who need assistance, but would like to continue living at home. She listed the services offered which would allow caregivers to take a break while knowing their loved one is being well taken care of. Mandy has 14 years of experience helping seniors focus on what they can do versus what they can't.

President Bowlin called the brief business meeting to order. She handed out shut-in lists.

Lois Radtke reported she purchased a "bargain" card table for the Ladies Aid.

Committee-of-the-Month: Chairman for April is Betty Andreasen

Serving Committee: Donna Fae Schulte and Betty Andreasen

Program for April: Cathy Bindl; Volunteer Coordinator for ADRC

Meeting adjourned and preparations began for the 5PM Lenten supper.

Minutes submitted by: Mae Vogel



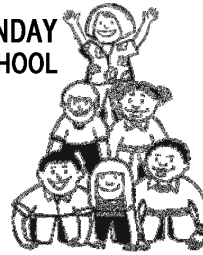
The Board of Congregational Services is looking for a person or persons who would like to share their time and talents as the Sunday School Director or the Vacation Bible School Leader. If you are interested in learning more about this opportunity, please contact the church office at 524-4512.

EASTER SUNDAY
has been designated as
Miracle Sunday.

It is an opportunity in which we can respond to God's love in a special way. The special offering above and beyond our regular offering is to help pay off the tuck-pointing project and further the work of the Lord and His Kingdom at St. Peter's. You may consider giving a gift in memory of someone or in thanks of a special blessing of our gracious God. You may even consider pledging a special offering over the year in praise of our Lord. You are encouraged to use either the Miracle Sunday envelope or mark your offering for Miracle Sunday.

Thanks be to God the greatest victory of all is ours through our Lord Jesus Christ and because of that we have nothing to fear and have great reason to live our lives for Him!

**SUNDAY
SCHOOL**



Spring is here! I don't know about you but this is my favorite time of year when the days are getting longer... the sun shines so bright...and the grass turns green with blooming flowers! I even notice a little extra energy with the Sunday School children! They are excited to be out in the beautiful weather!
God is good!

Sunday School lessons for April:
April 1 Jesus Feeds Five Thousand
April 8 The Transfiguration
April 15 Jesus Sends the Seventy Two
April 22 The Good Samaritan
April 29 The Good Shepherd

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 feel free to contact me at [608-393-0565](tel:608-393-0565) or email cindyruland@saintpetersls.com
In Christ,
Cindy Ruland, Sunday School 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. Beginning 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.



YOUTH NEWS

Sr Youth - April 4, 6:30 - 8:30pm
April 18, 6:30 - 8:30pm
Jr Youth - April 11, 6:00 - 8:00pm
April 25, 6:00 - 8:00pm

There are so many fun and exciting things going on in Youth Group!! On March 4th, the youth went tubing at Christmas Mountain!! We had an absolute blast and the weather was amazing!! March 16th the Jr Youth had a Lock-In. This overnight event was held at the school and included games, devotions, and a servant event of making birthday boxes at Reedsburg Head Start. The boxes were decorated with gift wrap and included cake mix, frosting, candles, plates, cups, forks, balloons, streamers, plastic tablecover, and a Happy Birthday book that shares how Jesus loves us every day and especially on our birthday.

The lock-in started on Friday at 4pm and the youth were dismissed at 9am on Saturday morning. We had a ton of fun growing together in Christ!!



EASTER BREAKFAST April 1st:

Jr/Sr Youth will be serving Easter Breakfast in Concordia Hall from 7:00am to 10:30am. We will be serving egg bakes, sausage, bacon, fruit, donuts, etc. Please join us on Easter morning for a hot breakfast as we celebrate Jesus' rising for us!

SR YOUTH HOONTING/GARGOYLES!! **April 29th**

Sr Youth have the opportunity to get together for Hoonting/Gargoyles with other youth in our community! This will take place at St. John Lutheran Church from 6:30 - 8:30pm.

Hoonting is an indoor paintball/capture the flag game using pvc pipe and nerf darts and Gargoyles is a freeze tag game. So much fun!!

If you have questions, please contact me at [608-477-1159](tel:608-477-1159) or email jenniferanderson@saintpetersls.com

I hope all of you have a very blessed Easter!!

In Christ,
Jennifer Anderson, Youth Director

St. Peter's Fourth Annual Spring Fling Gala

SATURDAY, APRIL 14, 2018 • 6:30 P.M.
REEDSBURG COUNTRY CLUB

**Join us for a fun evening of fellowship,
food, beverages, and entertainment!**

TICKETS ARE \$50.00 PER PERSON AND INCLUDE
A BUFFET DINNER, WINE, BEER, AND SODA.
THIS EVENT IS SEMI-FORMAL. WE WILL BE HOLDING A LIVE AND
SILENT AUCTION THROUGHOUT THE EVENING ALONG WITH THE
EVER-POPULAR DESSERT DASH

PROCEEDS WILL BENEFIT THE ST. PETER'S GYM SAFETY AND ENHANCEMENT PROJECT.

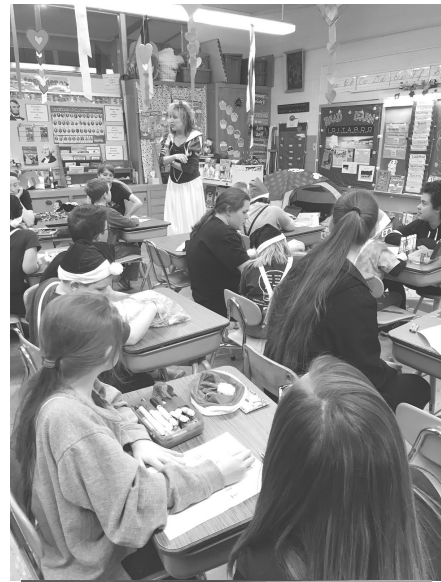
TICKETS ARE ON SALE **NOW** AT ST. PETER'S SCHOOL OFFICE AT
345 N PINE STREET, REEDSBURG,
BEYOUTIFUL SALON & TREND SALON



ST. PETER'S LUTHERAN SCHOOL NEWS

Survey: St. Peter's Lutheran School will be conducting a Survey in April. This survey can be taken on a paper format or online. This information will be combined with the school family surveys, test scores and other information to create a strategic plan for the school ministry. Be looking for this survey during the month of April.

Lutheran Schools Celebration: We celebrated Lutheran Schools in March. It was a week of fun activities. Enjoy the pictures below. Perhaps next year you would like to join us for the fun?





Security Cameras: The Security Cameras were installed over the Easter Break. We thank the Gala and everyone who made contributions to make this enhancement to the school facility possible.

Gala Project: The next Gala project is to improve the safety and add enhancements to the gym. New mats along the North and South walls of the gym will cover the entire width of the court. A traversing wall is also planned to be installed. Finally the gym will be repainted. Projects of this size require special funding.

Please consider purchasing a ticket and then bid generously at the Gala. It is a fun event and proceeds are used to enhance the ministry of St. Peter's to the Reedsburg area families.

In Christ Service,

Mr. Roger Tessendorf
Principal

St. Peter's Lutheran Church Voters' Meeting – January 25, 2018

Meeting was opened by Congregation Chairman Bob Corey. Devotion on Psalm 131 by Pastor Crolius.

There was a call for everyone to sign the attendance sheet. July Voter's minutes were presented for approval, correction was made to misspelled names. Motion was made by Don McCauley to accept the minutes, seconded by Phil Rogers. Passed by voice vote.

Pastor's Report – Pastor Crolius shared the theme for the upcoming Lenten services "Who wants Jesus to Die?" Membership changes were read, a motion was made to approve, seconded by Phil Rogers. Passed by voice vote.

Principals Report was given by Mr. Tessendorf. A power point was shared that showed pictures of students and their activities throughout the day. Pictures of teachers were also shared. Mr. Tessendorf gave an update on the Task Force that had met to discuss the topic of member – non-member tuition. What it means to be a member of St. Peter's. Tuition rates have been determined by the BOE for the 2018-19 school year and will be published soon.

Financial Management Report was given by Chairman, Nate Braun. He stated that the FMC will begin working on the budget which will be brought to Voters in April. Motion made to approve the financial report by Don McCauley, seconded by John Gerike.

Foundation Report was given by Chairman, Ryan Weber. Handouts were available to show account balances and available funds.

Board of Trustees and Board of Education recommended we go forward with installing the security system at the school. Two bids were presented with the recommendation to contract Star Connections in the amount of \$18,900. Funds have already been secured through Gala donations, Day

Care funds, and private donation. No additional funds are needed. Motion to go ahead with the project was made by Phil Rogers, seconded by Gil Biskupski, passed by voice vote.

Board of Education Chairman, John Gerike made a motion to purchase wireless microphones and sound equipment to be used at the school with funds coming from the Ruth Schuck Fund. Matt Dehn addressed the Voters assembly to explain the equipment to be purchased. Motion was seconded by Nate Braun, passed by voice vote.

Old Business – nothing

New Business

A motion was made by Foundation chairman, Ryan Weber to transfer \$9069.00 from account and \$1496 from account to
Seconded by Nate Braun, passed voice vote.

John Thompson, Trustee Chairman, gave an update on the tuckpoint project. Currently \$190,000 has been paid to the restoration company. The restoration company is billing for an additional \$90,000. A meeting is being scheduled with the Restoration Company to discuss.

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Gil Biskupski, seconded by Tim Brandt.



**Grades 3rd – 5th
presents**

"Life Song"

Friday, April 27 – 7:00 p.m.



Our Father in heaven sent His Son, Jesus, to be our savior. His atoning sacrifice is the firstfruits of all the dead, a pleasing aroma to His Father – and ours – so that His perfect life and death count for all who believe in Him.

He claimed us as His own children in Holy Baptism. He sustains and strengthens our faith with His Holy Word and His Body and Blood. As new creatures, who have put on Christ, we bear good fruit. We do the good works prepared for us, which He makes known to us in His Word.

By faith then, trusting in the Word of God, we do what he says because He does not lie and always keeps His promises. For “without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to him must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who earnestly seek him” (Heb. 11:6).

And so the Lord promises: “Honor the Lord with your wealth and with the firstfruits of all your produce; then your barns will be filled with plenty, and your vats will be bursting with wine” (Prov. 3:9-10).

How do we honor the Lord with the wealth that God has given us in His generosity? By giving it generously to those whom the Lord has called us to love and support: your family, your society, and your church. And His promise is that in so doing, you will never lack. I can almost hear it now: “But that’s from the Old Testament!” But our Lord Jesus Himself gives us similar promises in the New Testament. He says, at the conclusion of the parable of the talents, “For to everyone who has will more be given, and he will have an abundance” (Matt. 25:29). And then at the end of the parable of the dishonest manager, he says: “One who is faithful in a very little is also faithful in much, and one who is dishonest in a very little is also dishonest in much. If then you have not been faithful in the unrighteous wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches? And if you have not been faithful in that which is another’s, who will give you that which is your own? No servant can serve two masters, for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and money” (Luke 16:10–13).

And in His sermon on the mount, he says: “Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal, but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also” (Matt. 6:19–21).

We have become conditioned against these promises because of their misuse by the peddlers of the prosperity gospel – the guys on TV who say you get rich by putting God in your debt. And thus, we miss out on the fact that God does reward temporal faithfulness in temporal matters with temporal blessings.

It’s no quid pro quo. That is we give or serve and expect God to do something in return. No, it’s all from God’s grace, His fatherly divine goodness and mercy. But those Bible passages just quoted do in fact say what they say! It’s not the Old Testament’s problem. It’s ours. It is almost as if we have become so jaded against this that we think it a virtue to be stingy with our offerings. But our Father in heaven still loves to bless those who bless others. He loves to give to those who give freely and generously. In fact, he challenges us to challenge Him: “Bring the full tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. And thereby put me to the test, says the Lord of hosts, if I will not open the windows of heaven for you and pour down for you a blessing until there is no more need” (Mal. 3:10).

And so, while we don’t give so that we would get, we do receive from the Lord in order to give, and He will bless your giving with more receiving. For “He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things” (Rom. 8:32)?

GOD'S BLESSINGS TO YOU!

ALBRECHT, JANICE	4/1
CURTIN, DIANA	4/1
REUTER, JOHN	4/1
HARMS, RYAN	4/3
MCCAULEY, DENNIS	4/3
RYCZEK, HOLLY	4/3
WILSON, SARAH	4/3
WOOD, LAURA	4/4
CRAKER, SHARON	4/5
ROBERS, MARY	4/6
SCHULTZ, CAROL	4/6
GLICK, GUNNAR	4/7
KRUEGER, PETER	4/7
MORTIMER, JOHN	4/7
SCHULTZ, RHAYA	4/7
SZOPINSKI, LOGAN	4/7
THOMPSON, RALPH	4/7
MINOR, NATHEN	4/8
KLITZKE, LORNA	4/9
MEYER, JASON	4/9
WILLIAMS, TIA	4/9
COREY, ROBERT	4/10
GERIKE, VICKIE	4/10
HARMS, TAMMY	4/10
LOOMANS-JANUA, WENDY	4/10
BAUER, CAMERON	4/11
BRAUN, GAVIN	4/11
JOHNSON, LESLEY	4/11
FINLEY, GABRYELLA	4/12
GILLIS, CHASE	4/13
HOOF, BENJAMIN	4/13
KOCH, DALE	4/13
MONTGOMERY, DANIEL	4/13
FINLEY, LANDYN	4/14
MATHEWS, AUBREY	4/14
RYAN, GLORIA	4/14
THOMPSON, TANNER	4/14
WUNSCH, RONALD	4/14
BRANDT, RANDY	4/15
RUPINSKI, LAWRENCE	4/15
SCHROEDER, PHILIP	4/15
WINTHER, REBECCA	4/15
COLE, TERRY	4/16
GILLIS SR, THOMAS	4/16
NELSON, MACK	4/16
SHEPARD, DANNY	4/16
LUETKENS, ROBERT	4/17
MCCAULEY, MARCUS	4/17
SCHAUB, CAIDEN	4/17
COLEMAN, ISAAC	4/18
GRACE, LOIS	4/18
HARMS, IRENE	4/18

ZIMMERMAN, HEATH	4/18
SMITH, DEBRA	4/19
WHITE, KATRINA	4/19
GRIEVES, ANGELENE	4/20
STANDO, ANDREW	4/21
STANDO, MATTHEW	4/21
KOPPEN, DENNIS	4/22
MCCAULEY, DONALD	4/22
MOLLING, LAURA	4/22
SCHULTZ, ANGELA	4/22
WILLIAMS, SOPHIE	4/22
ZIMMERMAN, JONATHON	4/22
GAWRONSKI, VICKIE	4/23
GLEASH, KAYLEE	4/23
HERRITZ, DONALD	4/23
KLEMM, MADISON	4/23
TREPTOW, SHIRLEY	4/23
BAUER, BRAXTON	4/24
BEYER, CARSON	4/24
BIRDSILL, DONNA	4/24
LYNCH, ETHAN	4/24
DANIELS, RYLEY	4/25
HILLMAN, CRAIG	4/25
MEYER, KINSLEY	4/25
DANIELS, KALEB	4/26
HAHN, NOAH	4/26
MAINOR, JUDITH	4/26
THOMAS, LAURA	4/26
BAGENSKI, VICKIE	4/27
GARDNER, CATHERINE	4/27
HON, LISA	4/27
CURTIN, KEITH	4/28
FINKEL, DAVID	4/28
MURRAY, ALAINA	4/28
PAHL, JULUS	4/28
LINDLOFF, MICHELLE	4/29
REIMER, ROGER	4/29
ADELMAN, ROBERT	4/30
HALVENSLEBEN, RONALD	4/30
OTT, JESSICA	4/30
STANDO, DON	4/30