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FROM THE PASTOR

John 1:46 (ESV) *“Nathanael said to him, ‘‘Can anything good come out of Nazareth?’’ Philip said to him, ‘‘Come and see.’’*

So, where are you from? This is a common question we ask people that we meet. If they answer an area like Hawaii, we are apt to sigh in envy. If we say we are from an unknown area, we may get a response of a smile and little interest. The good news for us and others is that this is not how our Lord responds. Jesus calls us from wherever we are, from wherever we have been, to come follow Him and be His disciples. He calls us and all people through His Word and baptism to His Kingdom and to thankful service to Him.

What great blessings we have received from our Lord solely out of undeserved mercy and grace alone. First, we are empowered to follow our crucified and risen Lord through worship hearing His Word, and receiving His Holy supper. As we abide in Him, we grow in an ever-deepening appreciation of His presence in our lives. We know that as His child through faith in Jesus, we are never going at it alone in life. Romans chapter eight, encourages us that “nothing can separate us from the love of God through Jesus Christ our Lord.” Second, with Spirit-fueled reliance on God’s forgiveness and trust in His wisdom and power, we possess a peace of mind possible only through faith in Jesus Christ and the work He did for us through the cross and empty tomb. He gives us forgiveness of sins, a living hope, peace, purpose and a future. Third, surrounded by other followers and family of

God that the Lord has put in our lives, we experience His friendship, comfort, support and encouragement through their words and actions.

Today and always empowered by His Spirit, may we follow Him in thanksgiving for His many mercies He has showered upon us and His call to discipleship. May we abide in Him in worship and devotion that we may ever bear fruit for Him. May our words and actions also become a living invitation to others to come, see, and follow our gracious and loving Lord. We receive these great blessings and more as His disciples, no matter where we are from or where we have been in life. What a wonderful Savior we have to follow and serve both now and forever! What a wonderful joy, hope and eternal peace in the Lord to share with all people

In Christ,
Pastor Paul Crolius

✠**John 10:14** “I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me.” What does it mean to know the Lord? It starts with being known by the Lord: He claims us as His own and calls us by name. Then, once we are His, we learn to know Him...and in knowing Him we learn to imitate Him. And that is how the Christian life of good works and generosity grows from the Lord’s grace.

BAPTISMS

Katherine, Clayton and Thomas Pfaff were baptized in Saturday, April 7, 2018.

LWML

LWML SPRING RALLY AND PRAYER SERVICE

Women from our zone of the South Wisconsin District came together at St. Peter's for our Spring Rally and Prayer Service on a chilly April 7 morning. We warmed up with coffee, pastries and good fellowship before our Prayer Service started at 10:00. Our LWML Counselor, Pastor Wilke opened with a devotion and then led us in our Prayer Service "Living as God's People". We joined together in singing and prayer. Our ingathering was for paper products to donate to Safe Harbor in Reedsburg. A short business meeting followed and we closed with our LWML Pledge Song, "Praise, Love, Serve".

A delicious salad luncheon with sherbet for dessert was enjoyed by all as we continued our fellowship before journeying home.

Our next regular LWML Meeting will be Monday, May 14.

Julie Thompson, Secretary

GOLDEN AGERS

We met at the Voyageur on April 23rd at 11:30 a.m. We opened with prayer. We had a very good lunch. Dee Duley brought our meeting to order with a lovely poem "Spring." After our meeting we enjoyed playing Bingo. Our next meeting will be at Pizza Ranch on Monday, May 14, at 11:30 a.m. Come and join us for an enjoyable afternoon. We will be off for the summer months and will meet again in September.

MISSION WEEKEND is May 19 & 20th. Pastor Afam Ikanih from LCMS Free at Last ministry will be our guest preacher and will also make a presentation on the prison ministry in the Milwaukee area.

LADIES AID

On April 4th the Ladies Aid members met in Concordia Hall for the meeting. President Eldarene Bowlin opened the meeting. Minutes of Secretary and Treasurer's Report were given and approved.

Old Business: Ladies Aid hosted the Lenten Supper on March 7th. The funds received were given to the Tuck Point Fund.

Guest speaker was Cathy Bindle from (ADRC) Aging, Disability, and Resource Center. Cathy spoke of the services they provide. Example: Nutrition, transportation. The three main issues concerning people are: economic, social isolation and rural transportation. If any questions, you can contact Cathy at the ADRC office at 355-3289.

New Business: Kitchen cleaning set for April 19th at 8:30AM. Discussion on old tableware followed. Several solutions were presented.

Next meeting on May 2nd with a Spring Buffet Luncheon. Executive Board to service. Ladies to bring food.

Meeting adjourned with the Lord's Prayer. Ladies enjoyed a delicious dessert served by Betty and Donna Fae.

Submitted by Kay Klitzke

MILITARY BIBLE STICKS

Express your appreciation throughout the month of May by providing our troops with Military BibleSticks. These small digital audio players are designed specifically for the safety of deployed troops. Each one includes the complete Audio New Testament along with 65 minutes of selected Psalms. Your gifts are providing God's peace, comfort, and hope to our troops! A collection will be taken throughout the month of May to support this mission.

SUNDAY SCHOOL



I am writing this Sunday School newsletter feeling a bit emotional! This is my last Sunday School newsletter that I will be writing as your Sunday School Director. This has been a fun journey for me and I feel very blessed for the amazing teachers and parents that have stepped forward to help make a difference in our Sunday School program here at St. Peter's!

Thank you all for the support I was given in my time of being the Sunday School Director! I hope you have a wonderful summer!

Sunday School lessons will be as such:

May 6: Jesus Teaches us to Pray

May 13: Jesus Raises Lazarus

May 20: Jesus Blesses the Little Children
(Last Sunday School class until Fall)

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 would like to teach or sub for Sunday school, please feel free to contact me.

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In Christ,
Cindy Ruland,
Sunday School Director



RADIO BROADCAST

Tune in to....
WCNP FM 89.5 at 12:00 noon



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 Superintendent.

Sunday School teachers and helpers are always needed and planning will begin soon to make sure we have teachers when Sunday School begins again in September. Moms, dads, and young adults are always welcome to share their time and talents in anyway.

If you are interested in learning more about this opportunity, please contact the church office at 524-4512.

Thank you,
Board of Congregational Services



Many thanks to Cindy Dries for her expertise in developing the new St. Peter's website. Please visit us at www.stpetersreedsburg.com and give us your feedback and suggestions on what you would like to see on the site. This is still a work in progress so please, be patient as we make continued updates. To share your thoughts and ideas, please email stpetersreedsburg@gmail.com

Thank you

GOD BLESS OUR CONFIRMANDS

The following students will be confirmed on Sunday, May 6, 2018, during the 10:30 a.m. service. May God bless their continued walk with their Savior Jesus Christ.

Blessings on your Confirmation



*Bracen Brandt
Ella Halvensleben
Cassidy Klitzke
Tyler Murray
Addison Procter
Grace Rogers
Summer Thompson*

*Melissa Dietz
Callie Johnson
Jacob Korklewski
Marisa Pertzborn
Samuel Raupp
Joshua Thomas
Nicholas VanEtten*

Bell Choir Concert



Ring In Spring Concert
Wednesday, May 9
6:30 p.m.
St. Peter's Church

Featuring
5th Grade Recorders
6 - 8th Grade Handbell Choir

Come and celebrate Spring with us!!!



YOUTH NEWS!!

There are so many fun and exciting things going on in Youth Group!! Jr Youth has about 30 youth in attendance and Sr Youth about 15.

Sr. Youth - May 2 & 16 from 6:30-8:30 pm

Jr Youth - May 23 from 5-6:30PM at Pineview for Bonkers event

There will be no JR YOUTH on May 9th, due to the Ring In Spring Concert.

These will be the last nights of Youth Group until we begin meeting again on September 5th.

What an amazing year we have had and I am so thankful for the time spent with this awesome group of kids! Thank you to all the parents and congregation for your support and I am looking forward to the fun things we have planned for this Summer and for next year!! So many blessings from Him!!

JR YOUTH BONKERS MAY 23RD

This is a community youth event that will be held behind Pineview School from 5-6:30pm. Bonkers is a game with different stations that give you tasks to complete. You must complete these tasks while avoiding the "bonkers" and their flour-filled socks of fury! Food will be served as well.

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

In Christ,
Jennifer Anderson
Youth Director

ST. PETER'S LUTHERAN SCHOOL NEWS

School Survey: The school online survey is completed. I want to thank everyone who participated. The following groups had the opportunity to take the survey: Students in grades 1-3, Students in grades 4-8, Parents, Teachers, and Church Members. The information from the survey will be used in the development of the strategic plan for St. Peter's Lutheran School over the next 3-5 years. A summary of results will be shared at a future Voter's Meeting once the results have been tabulated.

Gala: I want to thank the leadership that planned and organized the Gala event. It was a lot of fun! I also want to thank all the people who came out in the unique Spring weather to be part of the event. The event raised over \$16,000 and provided a lot of awesome fellowship.

Security System: The security system is almost complete and may be completed by the time you read this. Two modifications were made to the plan I presented to the voters. First, the access control system for the lower level was upgraded to use an all in one audio and video system. The additional cost of this upgrade was provided through a generous donation. The company that installed the security system was unable to provide the materials needed to add motion detectors to the Locust and Pine street entrances. I am in the process of locating another source for those materials and labor needed to install them. Please let me know if you have any suggestions. Thank you.

Some April fun at St. Peter's!



Upside Down Rainbow: A kindergarten student pointed out this upside down rainbow. I found out that it is called a sundog. This is the first one I have seen.



LIFE SONG MUSICAL

If you were not able to see the 3-5th grade present "Life Song", you missed a special presentation. The children worked hard and did a wonderful job of sharing their talents and witness of the love of Jesus.



St. Paul teaches, "Let the one who is taught the word share all good things with the one who teaches" (Galatians 6:6).

And again, he says, "Do you not know that those who are employed in the temple service get their food from the temple, and those who serve at the altar share in the sacrificial offerings? In the same way, the Lord commanded that those who proclaim the gospel should get their living by the gospel" (1 Corinthians 9:13–14).

In other words, ministers of the gospel are supported by the offerings of those who are served by them. And this is how the Church lives even now. It is standard practice.

But this deserves closer examination. For it instructs us not *just* that we are to give but also *what* we are to give. And it does so with four little words: "In the same way ..."

St. Paul is building his case for supporting the preachers of the Gospel with the sacrificial giving of individual members on the example of the Old Testament people who supported the Levites with their offerings and sacrifices. We're to support the Gospel ministry "in the same way." But how did the Old Testament people support the Levites?

Moses records this: "You shall tithe all the yield of your seed that comes from the field year by year. And before the Lord your God, in the place that he will choose, to make his name dwell there, you shall eat the tithe of your grain, of your wine, and of your oil, and the firstborn of your herd and flock, that you may learn to fear the Lord your God always" (Deuteronomy 14:22–23).

The Levites were supported by the tithe, 10 percent of all the yearly yield of that which was harvested.

Does that seem like a lot? Does it surprise you that St. Paul instructs us that we are to support the New Testament Gospel ministry "in the same way?"

If it does, ask yourself: is the Church's job in the New Testament bigger or smaller than the Levites' job in the Old Testament? Back then there was one Temple, and the ministry was almost exclusively located in one nation among the descendants of Abraham. Jesus calls us to teach and baptize all nations (Matt. 28). And there are churches and ministries all around the world. How could we support this new Gospel ministry with anything less than the Israelites supported the Old Testament ministry?

Of course, we are free to give more, for we have received more than those in the Old Testament. We have received the fullness of God's revelation, the fullness of His salvation, the fulfillment of everything that God promised to do.

For we have received Christ, God's own Son, in the flesh, who took upon himself our sins and in exchange gave us his righteousness. The Father claimed us as his own in Holy Baptism.

He gathers us together in the place where his name dwells to feast on the first fruits of the resurrection, the risen and living body and blood of his Son, our Lord, Jesus. He reminds us that we are His, that all things are ours because we belong to Him. He blesses us here in time with physical and spiritual gifts.

In the same way, and in response to his fatherly divine goodness and mercy, we gladly give to those who proclaim to us "the excellencies of him who called us out of darkness and into his marvelous light."

For once we were not a people, but now we are God's people; once we had not received mercy, but now we have indeed (1 Peter 2:9–10).

GOD'S BLESSINGS TO YOU!

ALEXANDER, RYAN	5/1
THOMPSON, TALLY	5/1
ZIMMERMAN, CONNIE	5/1
ZIMMERMAN, DANIEL	5/1
HARMS, AREND	5/2
JOHANSEN, JAY	5/2
PEHPHLES-MCNURLIN, KAIA	5/2
SCHROEDER, JAMES	5/2
SCHUPPNER, BO	5/2
ESCOBAR, SAVANNAH	5/3
GRINDER, DENISE	5/3
GROENER, LORENA	5/3
MATHEWS, ASHLYN	5/3
NAQUIN, BONNIE	5/3
BUELOW, HANNA	5/4
HEATHERINGTON, JASON	5/4
SASS, THOMAS	5/4
SCHYVINCK, BRITTANY	5/4
BENNETT, CHELSEY	5/5
CORBIN, MADELINE	5/5
SPINK, MARIAH	5/5
BRANDT, REBECCA	5/6
HOEGE, KALEB	5/6
MARKUNAS, AARON	5/6
ROGERS, IAN	5/6
SPEICH, DALE	5/6
HELM, JAMES	5/7
IMHOFF, ADDYSON	5/7
JAECH, LARISSA	5/7
LARRABEE, ZACHARY	5/7
LEOPOLD, JEFFREY	5/7
STANDO, CODY	5/7
URBINA, TIFFANY	5/7
FERGUSON, TRAVEN	5/8
GRIMM, REBECCA	5/8
HOOF, JORDAN	5/8
SCHULTZ, SUE	5/8
HERRITZ, SAMANTHA	5/9
KINAST, GLORIA	5/9
SPEICH, PAMELA	5/9
STRAMPE, SUZANNE	5/9
TAYLOR, TENA	5/9
BALL, GAIL	5/10
HARMS, TEANN	5/10
MONTGOMERY, STEVEN	5/10
NELLESSEN, CYNTHIA	5/10
PALMER, DANIEL	5/10
TIBBITTS, MARVIN	5/10
BENNETT, MICAH	5/11
DANNER, THOMAS	5/11
HAHN, MARY	5/11

JOHNSON, SARAH	5/12
PROCTER, MICHAEL	5/12
REGO, DEBORAH	5/12
SCHULTE, DONNA	5/12
HARMS, TIMOTHY	5/13
MILLER, MARLA	5/13
DONAHUE, KAYLA	5/14
ZIMMERMAN JR., BILL	5/14
ASLESON, DONALD	5/15
IHLENFELD, VIRGINIA	5/15
STEINWEG, CARL	5/15
MCDONOUGH, ELLEN	5/16
DIAMOND, JACOB	5/17
HERRITZ, MEGAN	5/17
LEOPOLD, ROBERT	5/17
REINKE, JOSEPHINE	5/17
SCHRANK, DEBRA	5/17
SLANEY, LORNA	5/17
STANDO, NATHAN	5/17
DICIOCCIO, STEPHANIE	5/18
JACOBSON, LUKE	5/18
PERTZBORN, KALEB	5/18
YOUNG, ANGELA	5/18
ESTES, DAVID	5/19
HERRITZ, ANDRE	5/19
KORKLEWSKI, JACOB	5/19
MEAD, WESLEY	5/19
MILLER, PHYLLIS	5/19
REIMER, RUTH	5/19
RIBBKE, MORGAN	5/19
BREIDENBACH, SIERRA	5/20
GRIEVES, DARLENE	5/20
KRAUS, HUDSON	5/20
SCHAFFER, SHARON	5/20
VETHE, MARY	5/20
FRY, REBECCA	5/21
HELM, DORINE	5/21
MATHEWS, AVA	5/21
MUNDTH, JASON	5/21
STOWERS, SEARRA	5/21
KLITZKE, HAILEY	5/22
SONNENBERG, RODNEY	5/22
STRUTZ, BERNARD	5/22
JAHN, LOGAN	5/23
MCCAULEY, LAUREN	5/23
RUIZ, NOAH	5/23
GASSER, ANGELA	5/24
GILL, LORRAINE	5/24
STRUCK, ELVA	5/24
BISKUPSKI, GILBERT	5/25
TOEDER, DAVID	5/25
WILSON, BRETT	5/25
ZIMMERMAN, BARBARA	5/25
ROECKER, RYLEE	5/26

CRAKER, LARRY	5/27
MORTIMER, CASSIE	5/27
NEISES, KAYDEN	5/27
DOROW, RYLEE	5/28
DRIES, ROBERT	5/28
VANETTEN, EMMA	5/28
HINEMAN, ERIC	5/29
MCMILLEN, MASON	5/30
PETERSON, REBECCA	5/30
BAGENSKI, LISA	5/31
JOHNSON, CALLIE	5/31
SKINNER, WILLIAM	5/31

St. Peter's Lutheran Church
Voters' Assembly – April 26, 2018

Membership changes
January – April 2018

Received by Baptism

Paul Hagen	Vivienne Townsend
Owen Townsend	Katherine Pfaff
Thomas Pfaff	Clayton Pfaff

FOR APPROVAL BY VOTERS ASSEMBLY

Received by Adult Confirmation

Anitra Townsend	Thomas Pfaff
Katherine Pfaff	

Received by Profession of Faith

Kathleen Corbin

Transferred Out

Julie Valle (Sebastian) to St. John's Lutheran,
Oregon WI
Kevin and Lisa Hahn (Nathanael, Luke, Anna,
Noah) Pella Lutheran Church, Waupun, WI

Release at their own request

Samual Kendall to Midvale Community Church,
Madison, WI



ARTISTS SHOW THEIR TALENTS!!

The Reedsburg Area Women's Club recently held a "Focus on Art" Contest. St. Peter's is excited to announce those of our students who were prize winners. The 1st & 2nd place artwork will be on display in the front window of Reedsburg Office Supply Store on Main Street in Reedsburg. Congratulations to!!

2-D Artwork - Callie Johnson – 3rd Place

3-D Artwork – Bo Schuppner – 1st Place
Nathan Stando – 2nd Place
Madeline Corbin – 3rd Place
Kaylee Gleash – Honorable Mention

My D.A.R.E. Report

I've learned so much about how to resist drugs and violence from the last couple weeks of D.A.R.E. class. First I'll talk about lesson one. We learned about health effects of alcohol and tobacco use. Alcohol slows down the brain and the body. Different things that could happen if you used alcohol may include: loss of coordination, memory loss, slow reflexes, and it weakens the heart muscle. There are over 75,000 alcohol related deaths each year in the United States. Now facts about tobacco use: There are more than 200 known harmful chemicals in cigarette smoke, There are more than 400,000 Americans that die each year, and cigarettes contain a harmful chemical, nicotine. Health effects from tobacco and smoking may include: lung cancer, bad breath, and even, yellow teeth!

Now lesson four. Responding to pressure.

What are some ways you can respond to pressure? Are they good ways or bad ways? Some people want you to give into peer pressure. Peer pressure is when someone around your age or in your class are trying to get you to do good things or bad things. Some good things about pressure is when people want you to try new things. For example, they may want you to try a new food or a new activity. But bad things could be they want you to gossip about other people or may want you to steal. Don't give into bad pressure!!!!

Now I will talk about the DDMM, which stands for the D.A.R.E. decision making model. It talks about what D.A.R.E. stands for. D. in D.A.R.E. stands for define. Define means you describe the problem, challenge, or opportunity. A. stands for assess, which means when you ask yourself what are my choices? R. stands for respond. That means make your choice and use the facts you have gathered about it. And finally, E, which stands for evaluate. Which means you ask yourself if you made a good decision, or choice.

In all of the D.A.R.E. lessons, I've learned to make smart choices, to say no, and to always, never, give in. I hope you, just reading my report will not use drugs, give into pressure, and ask yourself before making a choice, if it's a good choice, or a bad choice!!

By Sophie Williams

St. Peter's 5th grade class will soon complete their D.A.R.E. Program led by Officer Karl. D.A.R.E graduation will be held on Monday, May 7, at 1:00 p.m. at the CAL Center.