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Cindy Nellessen, Administrative Assistant

FROM THE PASTOR

“Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.” Hebrews 13:8 (ESV)

Dear Friends in Christ,

Many people have been affected by the rain recently. As we speak, there are many families that are out of their homes from the flooding, but thankfully are still alive. Wildfires, hurricanes, tornados as well as other trials have changed peoples lives. Our lives can change so quickly.

Those affected by storms, trials, illnesses, accidents, disasters and the loss of loved ones have been left with a big gap in their lives. In these times, we wonder what endures. If everything, we have built our hope on is gone, on what can we depend?

In Ecclesiastes 3:14, we are encouraged, “That whatever God does endures forever; nothing can be added to it, nor anything taken from it.” These words show us where our true hope and help lies. Our lives and the lives of our loved ones may be lost. Our possessions may be lost, destroyed, or taken from us, but God’s Word and work endure. We may lose our jobs or become ill, but Jesus Christ never changes. His Word, His work, His promises endure. He gives us real hope that never fails.

Our hope in all times is found in our living and victorious Savior and God. Our Lord who suffered and died for all has risen and conquered our sin, satan and death itself. He has overcome all and through Him we

overcome all. Our baptism joins us to our living Lord Jesus. His Word in worship and devotion strengthens our faith and is our anchor in life. He nourishes and fuels our God given faith through Holy Communion. He won victory for us through His death on the cross and freely gives us salvation and eternal life. This living hope does not depend on our circumstances or our good deeds, it comes to us from God’s undeserved mercy and grace in Christ Jesus our Lord. We can count on God’s love. His love endures!

We give thanks to our Lord who is with us and upholds us through all times, trials, and circumstances. He gives us hope with His enduring love and care. Our Lord also lifts us out of our pits, whatever they may be, to do for us “far more abundantly than all that we ask or think” (Ephesians 3:20). This promise we have in our risen Lord. There is no difficulty or pit deeper than the pit Christ entered and the agony he endured on the cross for us. By His resurrection and grace, He is always raising us out of the depths, giving us forgiveness, life, hope, and the assurance of our salvation. Our hope is always found in our risen Lord and His amazing love that always endures.

May this be our strength in all circumstances. May He keep us ever rooted and strengthened in these wonderful assurances given in Christ through His Word, worship, and His Holy Supper. May we also share and declare this hope and enduring love to everyone we meet.

In Christ,
Pastor Paul Crolius

FUNERALS

Audrey Westedt died on Monday, August 6, 2018, and was given Christian burial on Tuesday, August 14, 2018.

BAPTISM

Ashtin Jeremy, son of Jeremy and Cathy Phephles was born June 21, 2005, and was baptized on August 18, 2018.

Raymond Lee, son of Raymond and Kayla (Dietz) Stolarski, was born on May 11, 2018, and was baptized on August 19, 2018.

Kennedy Lynn, daughter of Hayes and Amber (Groskreutz) Hayes, was born on February 16, 2018, and was baptized on August 20, 2018.

Lincoln Matthew, son of Matthew and Holly (Biesek) Meyer was born on June 27, 2018, and was baptized on August 26, 2018.

MEMORIALS

Given in memory of Audrey Westedt \$1,720.00



Tune in to...
WCNP FM 89.5

Lutheran Hour Ministry 8:00 am

Sunday Worship 12:00 noon

LWML

Our Lutheran Women in Mission meet monthly, so please mark your calendars for the 2nd Monday of

the month at 6:00 p.m. in Concordia Hall at church. Our monthly gatherings help us learn about mission opportunities around the world through guest speakers, Bible studies and hands on activities.

Our first gathering is a **potluck supper Monday, September 10 at 6:00 in Concordia Hall.** Please bring a dish to pass. After we've enjoyed a wonderful meal together, Elise Moser will present her program on Recycling; Elise started our recycling program in Sauk County. Please feel welcome anytime and bring a friend too! If you have any questions about LWML, feel free to call Julie Thompson @ 608/495-0474 or Betty Andreasen @ 768-7543.



Back To Church Weekend

September 15-16, 2018

St. Peter's will again participate in a world-wide Back to Church campaign. At the date of this writing 30,000 churches across the United States and 2000 churches across the globe will be participating. 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.

Prayerfully consider inviting someone you know to come to church with you! 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, because it points us to the hope and comfort we have unconditionally through Jesus Christ. So, come and be a part of this invite! It will be a great day!



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!!!



It's September, and everything is in full swing again: back to school and back to church attendance after vacations and weekends away. And since everything is back into full swing, it's a perfect time to get back to basics, back to the foundation.

At the end of the first of his chapters on the virtue of faith in *Mere Christianity*, C.S. Lewis provides a helpful reminder, by way of analogy, for the foundation of stewardship. He wrote:

Every faculty you have, your power of thinking or of moving your limbs from moment to moment, is given you by God. If you devoted every moment of your whole life exclusively to His service you could not give Him anything that was not in a sense His own already. So then, when we talk of a man doing anything for God or giving anything to God, I will tell you what it is really like. It is like a small child going to its father and saying, "Daddy, give me six pence to buy you a birthday present." Of course, the father does, and he is pleased with the child's present. It is all very nice and proper, but only an idiot would think that the father is six-pence to the good on the transaction. When a man has made these two discoveries God can really get to work. It is after this that real life begins.

This is the first thing we are given to confess about stewardship, and it has to do with ownership. God owns everything, and we are simply managers — stewards — acting on His behalf. This is true not only of all that we have in this life (Deuteronomy 8:17-18), but also all that we are in this life (1 Corinthians 6:20).

The rest flows from here. Since we are stewards, or managers, of what belongs to God, entrusted to make use of it according to His will, there is an expectation of responsibility and accountability. For the Lord said, "Everyone to whom much was given, of him much will be required, and from him to whom they entrusted much, they will demand the more" (Luke 12:48b). And from this comes blessing and reward: "Well done, good and faithful

servant. You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master" (Matthew 25:21).

We have everything we need to support this body and life from our God's fatherly divine goodness and mercy, without any merit or worthiness in us. We have everything we need for our spiritual life also from His merciful hands. On account of the sacrifice of His Son, our Lord Jesus, through the preaching of the gospel and the administration of the sacraments, we have the forgiveness of sins, eternal life, and everlasting salvation delivered to us with absolute certainty that it is ours — not as stewards but as sons (Galatians 4:1-7).

Let us then, as His own sons, press all that He gives to us into the service of His church and to His glory.



First Day of School **DELAYED**

Due to the area flooding and the impact on many

**St. Peter's School FIRST DAY will be
Wednesday, September 5th.
Opening Service 9:00 a.m.**

Please join us if you can for
Back To School Night
Tuesday, September 4th, 4-7:00 p.m.

Continued prayers for all impacted by the
flooding. Be Safe

ST. PETER'S LUTHERAN
SCHOOL NEWS



School Theme for 2018-2019: The school theme for this year is Real, Present, God based on Psalm 46.

ABOUT THE THEME - *(Information taken from the introduction of the Chapel Talks published by the LCMS)*
The three simple words will be the theme for St. Peter's Lutheran School for the 18-19 school year.

"Real. Present. God." summarizes the Psalm of the Reformation, Psalm 46. "God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble" (Ps. 46:1). The only real God, the Triune God, is truly present in the person of Jesus. The only real God, the Triune God, entered the real world to save us from sin. The only real God, the Triune God, is present and powerful in the troubles of life.

"Real. Present. God." invites the children of the church to be part of an adventure through this treasure of Scripture and to join the people of the Old Testament in the worship of the Triune God. The Book of Psalms was the prayer book and hymnbook of prophets, kings, Jesus and saints throughout the ages. How fitting that our children join them. "Real. Present. God." is not only historic, it is also contemporary. In real life — broken, messy, sinful — a real God is still present in Word and Sacrament. Our God is not only present, but He is personal and powerful. "Real. Present. God." invites the children of the church to experience the poetic pictures of the Psalms through illustrations and applications appropriate to their age level and to their life situations.

Principal Chat: The first Principal Chat will be on September 19. The Chat will be held in the gym at 6:00 PM. Highlights of the survey taken in April and the goals for the school ministry will be shared. There will be an opportunity for you to ask questions. Members of the Board of Christian Education will also be available to listen to your

comments and questions. The Principal Chats are open to parents, guardians and church members.

Lego Club: Thank you to everyone who donated LEGOs. They are appreciated! We will continue to collect LEGOs throughout the year. Another item I am looking for are small plastic beach pails for Lego Club members to carry their LEGOs from the group container to their work area. Donations can be brought to the office.

Substitute Teachers: The school is in need of substitute teachers. Requirements are a four year degree from an accredited college. Please contact Mr. Tessendorf if you are interested or know of someone who would consider this opportunity.

Student Lockers: We are thankful to Vierbechier & Associates for the donation of lockers for the upper grade students. I also want to thank everyone involved in moving and installing them. The students are excited about having a locker to put their books as they move from room to room.



In His Service,
Mr. Roger Tessendorf
Principal



YOUTH NEWS!!

Youth Group Begins!!

Sr Youth - September 5 & 19, 6:30 – 8:30pm

Jr Youth - September 12, 6:00 – 8:00pm

Welcome Back To School!!

I hope you all had an awesome Summer!! Youth Group starts back up this month and I am so excited!! Here are some of the fun things we have planned for the month of September:

SEE YOU AT THE POLE - September 26

St. Peter's students are invited to meet at the school flag pole at 7:15am to pray for our schools, families, community, and nation. Donuts will be provided. There will also be a youth leader at the Webb Middle School flagpole and at the Reedsburg Area High School flagpole around 7:15am to pray with students there as well.

SEE YOU AFTER THE POLE

All youth(Sr and Jr) will meet at Trinity Baptist Church from 7pm-8:30pm to celebrate the See You At The Flagpole event. This is a community youth event. We play games, roast hot dogs over a campfire, and sing songs. It is a blast!!

NATIONAL YOUTH GATHERING 2019!!

Organizing and planning for 2019 National Youth Gathering is in full swing and I am so excited!! If you are a student entering grades 9 -12 in September 2019 and would like to attend this awesome event July 11-15, 2019, or have any questions about it, I will be happy to speak with you. Parents are also welcome to attend as an adult leader. Please feel free to contact me at 608-477-1159 or at jenniferanderson@saintpetersls.com

May the Lord bless you all this 2018 - 2019 school year!

In Christ,
Jennifer Anderson, Youth Director

COUNSELING SITE

Lisa Hecht, Christian Counselor for Lutheran Counseling and Family Services of Wisconsin, conducts office hours at St. Peter's. This service is available to everyone. You will find brochures and information in the Information Center in the narthex. For additional information or to make an appointment, please call 1-800-291-4513 or 608-516-5598.



HELPING FLOOD VICTIMS

There will be a donation taken to help those who have been impacted by the recent flooding. A donation box is located in the narthex. Please continue praying for all those in need.

There will be a sign-up sheet in the narthex for those who are in need of help with clean and repairs after the flooding. If you or a neighbor is in need of help, please let us know. There will also be a volunteer sign-up sheet for those who would like to help those in need.

SAVE THE DATE!!

**ST. PETER'S SPAGHETTI DINNER
& SILENT AUCTION**

**Friday, October 26, 2018
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.



SEPTEMBER

BIRTHDAYS

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| ANTOINE, BRYAN | 9/1 |
| FINNEGAN, CARRIE | 9/1 |
| HATFIELD, DINAH | 9/1 |
| RAY, BLAKE | 9/1 |
| TROXEL, DEBBIE | 9/1 |
| WEBER, GRANT | 9/1 |
| COOK, NANCIE | 9/2 |
| KNUTH, LANDEN | 9/2 |
| KNUTH, RYLEN | 9/2 |
| VOGEL, KURT | 9/2 |
| BRAUN, NATHAN | 9/3 |
| MCCAULEY, CAROLINE | 9/3 |
| THOMAS, EMILY | 9/3 |
| THOMAS, KATHERINE | 9/3 |
| PARCE, SHAWN | 9/4 |
| SCHROEDER, EMILY | 9/4 |
| SCHULTZ, DAYNE | 9/4 |
| SWANSON, JENNIFER | 9/4 |
| ZIMMERMAN, GABRYEL | 9/5 |
| GADE, ANGELA | 9/6 |
| MILLER, THOMAS | 9/6 |
| MCPHERSON, RICHARD | 9/7 |
| ABBOTT, HUNTER | 9/8 |
| FRY, LORI | 9/8 |
| MCCAULEY, CYNTHIA | 9/8 |
| MILLER, RENEE | 9/8 |
| MINOR, SIDNEY | 9/8 |
| SCHMIDT, GIANNA | 9/8 |
| SCHUPPNER, KAREN | 9/8 |
| WESTPHAL, EMILY | 9/8 |
| BERBERICH, MARK | 9/9 |
| BRAUN, JANICE | 9/9 |
| ELY, GREGG | 9/9 |
| SACRE, REBECCA | 9/9 |
| SANDERS, MARSHA | 9/9 |
| ZIRNGIBLE, CINDY | 9/9 |
| HAHN, DANIEL | 9/10 |
| JOHNSON, LINDA | 9/10 |
| COOK, JESSICA | 9/11 |
| HEUER, JUSTYN | 9/11 |
| THOMPSON, JULIE | 9/11 |
| CURTIN, CALLIE | 9/12 |
| CATTLE, DOUGLAS | 9/13 |
| FEDDERLY, CLAIR | 9/13 |
| HENDRIKSON, KARLA | 9/13 |
| GROSKREUTZ, JOEL | 9/14 |
| MILLER, AVERY | 9/14 |
| WILSON, CHARLES | 9/14 |
| DANKERT, ASPEN | 9/16 |
| HALVENSLEBEN, SUSAN | 9/16 |

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| SPEICH, AMY | 9/16 |
| HILLMAN, LYNETTE | 9/17 |
| MAURER, SHIRLEY | 9/17 |
| PURANEN, CLARENCE | 9/17 |
| CRISAFULLI, KRISTINE | 9/18 |
| REIMER, WESLEY | 9/18 |
| SMITH, DEBRA | 9/18 |
| GUNTHER, KRISTA | 9/19 |
| KRUEGER, HAYDEN | 9/19 |
| MINOR, SCOTT | 9/19 |
| SCHARA, RITA | 9/19 |
| SZOPINSKI, LUCAS | 9/19 |
| BEHN, WILLIAM | 9/20 |
| DIETZ, JOHN | 9/20 |
| RYCZEK, ARDITH | 9/20 |
| SCHIEFELBEIN, JAMES | 9/20 |
| CROLIUS, MICHELLE | 9/21 |
| SETTERBO, CHAD | 9/22 |
| DANIELS, GARY | 9/23 |
| FINKEL, AARON | 9/23 |
| STOLTE, JONATHAN | 9/23 |
| ARCHAMBO, TYLER | 9/24 |
| DRIES, EMMA | 9/24 |
| FEDDERLY, STUART | 9/24 |
| RADTKE, LOIS | 9/24 |
| REINKE, GAIL | 9/24 |
| REUTER, JENNIFER | 9/24 |
| THOMPSON, LIANNA | 9/24 |
| IMHOFF, JEFFREY | 9/25 |
| ZIMMERMAN, THOMAS | 9/25 |
| CRAKER, CALVIN | 9/26 |
| KLINGENMEYER, GERALDINE | 9/26 |
| KNITT, TINA | 9/26 |
| HALVENSLEBEN, MAKENNA | 9/27 |
| IMHOFF, JAN | 9/27 |
| KLITZKE, CADENCE | 9/27 |
| KRUEGER, RONALD | 9/27 |
| CRISAFULLI, BRENDA | 9/28 |
| KRAUS, BROOKE | 9/28 |
| MEYER, RYAN | 9/28 |
| SCHROEDER, DARCY | 9/28 |
| ALBRECHT, JACKOB | 9/29 |
| EVEN, MELLISA | 9/29 |
| HALVENSLEBEN, ELLA | 9/29 |
| KRUSE, JAELYN | 9/29 |
| KRUSE, SOPHIA | 9/29 |
| NACHREINER, BEN | 9/29 |
| NACHREINER, LEE | 9/29 |
| STANDO, SUSAN | 9/29 |
| STRUCK, JOY | 9/29 |
| BRANDT, JOANNE | 9/30 |
| BRANDT, TIMOTHY | 9/30 |
| JOHANSEN, NANCY | 9/30 |
| KLITZKE, LORI | 9/30 |
| NELSON, BRITON | 9/30 |

St. Peter's Lutheran Church
Quarterly Voters' Meeting – July 26, 2018

Meeting was called to order at 7pm by Chairman, Bob Corey. 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 Cal Craker to approve, 2nd by Cal Maurer, passed by voice vote.

Pastor Crolius gave the Pastor's Report and Membership Change Report, motion to approve, 2nd by Gil Biskupski, passed by voice vote. Pastor Crolius asked for prayers to the LAMP Mission Team who had left for Canada earlier that day. LAMP will have a presentation of their trip on Sunday, August 5th.

Principal's Report was given by Mr. Tessendorf. On file.
Financial Management Report was given by Nate Braun.

Recommendations thru Church Council:

Dave Dietz, on behalf of the Board of Elders, made a motion to sponsor the Lutheran Hour Ministry on radio station WCNP. Total cost to sponsor weekly service and Lutheran Hour Services to be \$110.00 weekly. 2nd by Phil Rogers, passed by voice vote.

Dave Dietz, on behalf of the Board of Elders, made a motion to support Shane Anderson in pursuing his calling to train for the ministry of our Lord through the Specific Ministry Pastor (SMP) program. To begin the application process and the congregation to cover the cost application. (approx. \$250). 2nd by Matt Dehn, passed by voice vote.

Board of Elders, Dave Dietz, presented a vote of encouragement to make the following Constitution change to combine the Board of Missions of Outreach and Assimilation and Board of Congregational Services to be named Board of Missions and Congregational Services to consist of 9 members to begin January 2019. Positions to be on the ballot in October 2018, if the second reading of the change is passed.

Article XII

The officers of this Congregation shall be:

- A. President
- B. Vice-President
- C. Secretary
- E. Board of Elders
- F. Board of Christian Education
- G. Board of Trustees
- H. Board of Stewardship
- I. Financial Management Council
- J. Foundation Directors
- K. Board of Missions, Outreach and Assimilation
- L. Board of Congregational Services

Any other officers, board members, and committee members as stated in the By-Laws may prescribe or as a Congregation, may elect in accordance with its needs.

Change to read:

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A list of the boards duties were read. By-Laws pertaining to the Board of Mission and Congregational Services, to be updated once the new board (if approved) is in place.
2nd by Matt Dehn, passed by voice vote.

A motion was made by Pastor Crolius on behalf of the Board of Congregational Services to approve Lisa Hecht, Counselor for Lutheran Counseling and Family Services, to hold weekly counseling office hours at St. Peter's at a yearly cost of \$7600. Seconded by Matt Dehn, passed by voice vote.

Dave Dietz, on behalf of the Nominating Committee, made a motion to approve, Jennifer Anderson to complete the 2018 term of church secretary, (vacated by Beth Lynch). 2nd by Gil Biskupski, passed by voice vote.

New Business – Phil Rogers encouraged anyone who may be interested in being a radio monitor to please contact him.

Motion to adjourn by Gil Biskupske, 2nd by Phil Rogers. Closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted
Cindy Nellessen, Treasurer
